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## FOUR BRITONS WOUNDED IN BOMBING OF ANCHISES Shanghai Sailings Halted After Whangpoo Attack SHELL WAREHOUSE HIT

Four British seamen were wounded—one of them seriously—when a Nationalist fighter plane bombed and machine-gunned the British motorship Anchises in the Whangpoo river near Shanghai yesterday morning.

A Shell oil installation on Gough Island and a Stanvac tanker were hit in the same raid—the fourth since the occupation of the city by the Communists—and set on fire.

Shipping companies in Hong Kong upon receiving news of the attack—which came five days before the announced Nationalist blockade of Communist held Chinese ports was due to take effect—yesterday cancelled sailings to Shanghai.

The 9,000-ton Blue Funnel Line ship Anchises was hit on the port side sustaining a hole through which water poured into the engine room. She was beached on the Shanghai side of the river. Her 12 foreign passengers, 51 other British personnel and 12 Chinese crew members were reported safe. The cargo was undamaged.

A message received from the master, Mr. J. E. Watson, reported that at about 8.40 a.m. yesterday a single-engine plane dive-bombed and machine-gunned the Anchises which was steaming upriver about four miles from Woosung.

The port side was hit. The engine room was flooded and the Anchises had to be beached. Four British seamen were injured. One was seriously wounded. The vessel was grounded on the Shanghai side of the Whangpoo.

### Names Of Wounded

The most seriously wounded was a deckboy, T. Edwards, reported Associated Press. The fourth officer, T. D. Mothersill, Jr., Junior Electrician I, McPhail and Seaman J. Hamilton were less seriously injured.

The captain said one man was injured in the bomb blast and the other three were injured in the strafing run.

The bomb exploded on the port side between the engine room and the number four deep tank. The vessel developed a quick list to port and the ship was beached.

She must undergo repairs in Shanghai, the captain said, and cannot proceed to Hong Kong or elsewhere for repairs, which means she cannot leave before the Nationalists' blockade date.

The Anchises called at Shanghai en route from Kobe to Hong Kong, according to schedule, the "China Mail" was informed. She left the Colony on June 4 with six passengers after arriving here from Swansea via the Straits.

Built in 1946 at Dundee, the Blue Funnel Line motorship has a personnel of 54 Britons, headed by Mr. Watson, and 12 Asiatic seamen. She is operating a regular service between the Colony and Japan calling at Shanghai en route on both ways.

### The Weather

At 0400 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the typhoon is centred about 120 miles N of Iwakuni moving NE at 10 knots and accelerating. From it a trough extends Southward to the Bonins, thence SW through the Formosa Strait and across the China Sea to a low pressure area over the Gulf of Tonkin. Pressure remains high over W China and to the E of Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate NE wind to E winds, 10 to 15 m.p.h. Maximum 21.5 deg. F. Minimum 16.0 deg. F. Sunshine 2 1/2 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total snow Jan. 1—61.9 mm. 30.48 in. as against an average of 80.9 mm. 32.11 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 m.m. Bar. at m.s.l. 1007.1. 1006.4 m.m. Equals 29.74. 29.69 inches. Rel. Humidity 80. 78 %.

Wind Direction 78. 85 by S. Wind Force 12. 11 knots. Tide—Time 0720. 0720. High 0720. 0720. Low 1430. 1430.

### Sailings Cancelled

The Anchises bombing caused local shipping firms to make drastic alterations in their sailing schedules. The Butterfield and Swire coaster Pakhol which left Hong Kong for Shanghai on Monday with more than 200 Chinese passengers was recalled by the local office yesterday. She is due to return today.

Two hours after 1,200 Chinese passengers had boarded the Dutch steamer Tjandane bound for Shanghai the cancellation order was decided upon by the agents, Royal Intercean Line, when it was considered dangerous for the ship to proceed.

Passage fares will be refunded, the RIL stated yesterday. There is no RIL vessel in North China waters.

Jardine Matheson, which had the Wingsong ready to take about 300 Chinese to Shanghai yesterday, had to cancel the trip on similar grounds.

Other sailings to Shanghai were postponed pending domestic conferences. The Pacific Far East Line freighter Jostin Victory is still considering calling at the Red port. "We have cleared her for Taku Bar, but no cancellation has been decided yet. She may still call at Shanghai," an official stated last evening. The Pioneer Lake is not present en route to Hong Kong from North.

The American President Line expects the General Gordon to arrive here tomorrow from Shanghai which she visited on Monday from Japan. So far no news has been received from the transport.

The APL has no other ships in Communist waters. Everett Steamship Corporation stated yesterday that the Reberverett may not leave for Shanghai. But the final decision was still under consideration.

According to local schedules, nine ships would originally clear port for Shanghai this week. They included the Promise (Norwegian), which however is still advertised as going to Shanghai, Pioneer Wave (American), Oregon Mail (American), and Shengkings (British).

Since the beginning of June, more than 21 local ships have been cleared for Shanghai and Tientsin. Of these 15 were bound for Shanghai. Most are expected to return next month.

Tientsin schedules, meanwhile, are also under consideration. No change has been announced yet, though many officials predict that Red port will also be by-passed.

The Anchises had seven passengers aboard, including two Chinese from Hong Kong, adds Associated Press. She entered from Kobe with 700 tons of machinery and textiles.

Captain Watson said there was no question in his mind that the attack was directed against the ship, which was flying the British flag, and it was an accident.

Shell Oil Co.

Bombing

A few minutes after the ship was hit, a second bomb struck the Shell Oil Company warehouse a few miles upriver. The subsequent fire burned for hours and destroyed an estimated 20,000 tons of kerosene and some drums of other petroleum products.

## Protest Lodged In Canton

Canton, June 21. Mr. A. P. Coghill, British Embassy representative in Canton, called on the Chinese Foreign Office at 5 p.m. today to lodge a protest against the Anchises bombing and requested the British Government's right to claim compensation.

A Chinese Government spokesman late this afternoon said that he had no information about the bombing.

In London the British Foreign Office spokesman said the bombing of the Anchises was "an unwarrantable attack on a merchant ship going about her lawful occasions."—Reuter.

Within minutes of the time the Anchises was hit, ships already in the Red Sea were ordered to leave the port.

The President Lines' General Gordon reached Woosung, turned back and headed for Hong Kong. Four other A. L. ships marked Shanghai off their lists of ports to be touched.

The Java-China-Japan Line, whose Meerkerk left just before the bombing took place, said it would bring no more ships in here for the time being; and several other lines were expected to start diverting ships elsewhere within 24 hours.

No ship companies here have been notified yet by the consulates of the blockade. The consulates said they had not received notification from Canton but presumed it would be forthcoming.

Shippers said they expected insurance rates would jump prohibitively.

Engines Badly Damaged

With her engines badly damaged, the Anchises was still aground yesterday evening in the channel opposite Gough Island, about seven miles from the heart of Shanghai, reports Reuter.

The bombing occurred while between two and four Nationalist planes were subjecting the motorship to a fourth raid since the liberation four weeks ago. Only one of the raiders attacked the British ship, dive-bombing and machine-gunning the vessel.

Toddy's raid appeared to have been concentrated on the Woosung and Kiangwan areas, North of Shanghai, although occasionally one of the planes would fly across the heart of the city at a considerable height.

Several hours after the end of the raid, a thick pall of black smoke hovered over the Kiangwan area.

An attack against Shanghai's two foreign-owned newspapers and two American news agencies for "spreading rumours regarding the mining of the Yangtze estuary by Kuomintang warships" was contained in the official Communist organ "Liberation Daily".

The paper said that "this rumour offensive had apparently been started by the British and American imperialists, who with their accomplices the Kuomintang reactionaries were trying to disrupt communications and endanger the interests of the Chinese people."

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## The King's Tribute To The Colonial Service

London, June 21. King George VI, opening London's "Colonial Month" today, said he looked confidently to the traditional rulers and chiefs in the British colonies "and also to the political leaders and representative bodies to promote co-operation in their various spheres and to set their faces against faction and the sowing of distrust."

Britain's "Colonial Month" brings to London displays and exhibitions "to break through the lack of knowledge of the colonies, their peoples and territories."

Representatives from Aden, the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cyprus, Gambia, Gibraltar, the Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Jamaica and other colonies were to be presented to the King today.

The King said that the occasion of the month was a time to set their faces against faction and the sowing of distrust.

Had the Commonwealth failed in war, he added, "there would have been an end of the co-operative advance towards freedom under law which is the hall-mark of the British Commonwealth."

He thanked the people represented there "for the loyalty with which they supported my arms. They did well for the Commonwealth, and also for themselves, since the boundless opportunities which are open to them in partnership with us can only be fully realised in a freedom-loving world," he added.

At 1 p.m. today, the Central Meteorological Observatory placed the storm centre at Matsue in Shimane Prefecture and moving East North East at a speed of 25 miles per hour.

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The Construction Ministry estimated damage from the typhoon so far totalled more than 5,000 million yen.

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The Lightning was reported to be in no serious trouble. There are no casualties and two tug boats are rushing to assist her.

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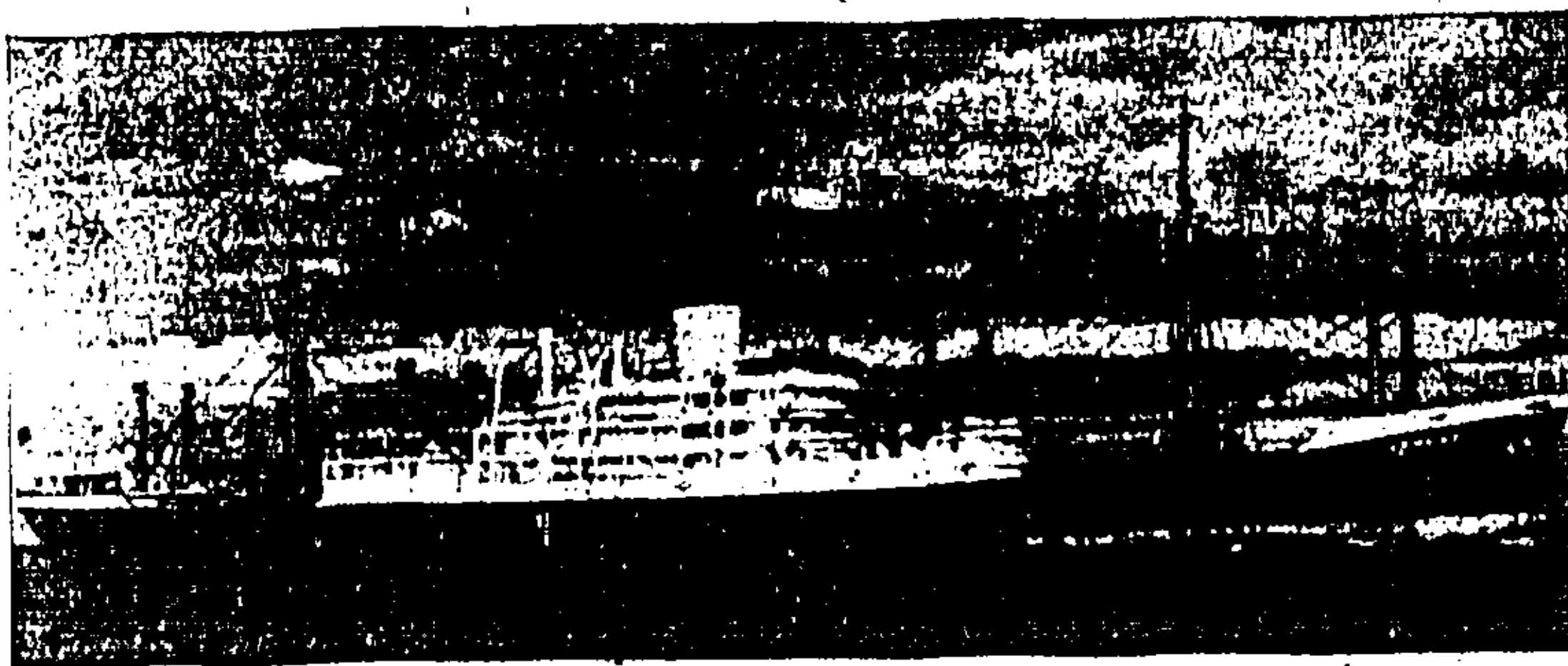
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## Forty Dead As Typhoon Hits Japan

Tokyo, June 21. Forty Japanese are believed to have been killed and more than 550 are missing in the wake of the typhoon which today swept across Kyushu, part of Shikoku and Western Honshu.

National police headquarters said that more than 500 houses were destroyed and 240 small boats sunk or damaged.

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## China War Part Of World Action Against Reds--Yen

Canton, June 21. Premier Yen Shi-shan today declared that his government's foreign policy would be directed toward convincing friendly countries that the civil war here was but part of the world anti-Communist action.

He said "China is fighting a vanguard operation against Communism. We are only one of the first to be openly involved."

The Premier made the remarks in the course of an interview with the United Press sandwiched in a schedule packed with conferences as he attempted to iron out problems inherited with the premiership.

soon as possible. The Cabinet still lacks a Finance Minister. Yen said Hsu Kan has been nominated but failed to accept yet pending a ministerial reform. He said (Yen) is studying the situation.

Regarding political reforms the Premier said they will be confined to those which have a chance of being carried out. "Our aim is to convince the people that the anti-Communist government is really the one which is for them."

Asked if Chiang Kai-shek planning to return, Yen said he would return if wanted and be recent was asked to return. "He has phrased that the Government will not return to an active government position but as chief of the Kuomintang's recently organised Supreme Policy Council."

Successes Claimed

The Nationalist Central News Agency said that Government troops expect to reduce Sian in Sanyuan, 50 miles to the North, West front, was reported by this Kuomintang Press association for the past week.

During the fighting of the past 10 days, the Communists were said to have sustained more than 20,000 casualties with heavy loss of equipment. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken.

The same agency said the troops were considerable Communist troop movements between Tientsin and Weinan on the Lunghai railway. The much heralded Communist warplanes were in action against the enemy with good effect.

In North Kiangsi, Communists from Linchun entered Ching Jen, otherwise there was no movement. The much heralded Communist warplanes were in action against the enemy with good effect.

The reported capture of Changsha was denied here by the Cabinet spokesman yesterday. A telegram reaching Canton from Tientsin, in Western Shan province, states that Pan shan, on the Burma road, is in the hands of provincial government troops, says Reuter.

The message says: "Pan shan was retaken by provincial troops on June 12. It does not make clear whether Pan shan had been in Communist hands—as was widely rumoured—or whether provincial troops had restored it and order, following a clash between local Nationalist and Communist forces."—Associated Press and Reuter.

Pressing Problem

At the beginning of his second week in office the Premier said his most pressing problem is financial because of its effects on all others with military a close second, because of the immediacy of the Communist threat.

He said he plans to put China on a silver standard in order to "sever politics from currency" as

CZECH GENERAL EXECUTED

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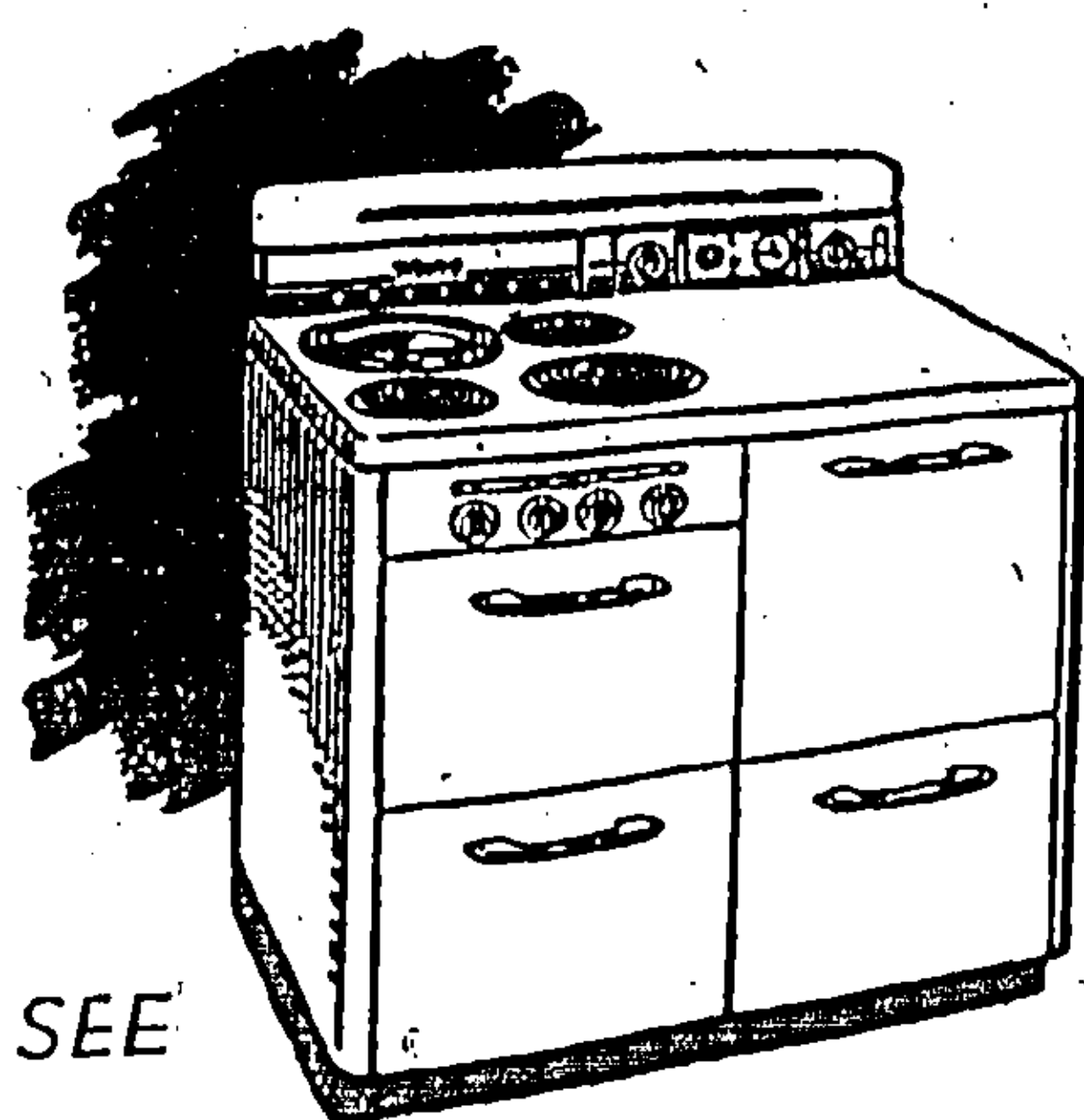
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### Local Steel

Sir—We were interested to find that in the Colonial Office report entitled "British Dependencies in the Far East," released in London on June 15th, the ingenuity of certain Hong Kong business-men in manufacturing reinforcing rods for use in building, from steel salvaged from wrecks in Hong Kong harbour, is complimented as an outstanding example of initiative.

Perhaps in view of these laudatory remarks, Government will be pleased to explain why in September, 1947, at a time when the Public Works Department was in dire need of reinforcing steel of all sizes, a very competitive offer, covered by a Tait-Koo Dockyard certificate of conformity to British Standard Specifications, for the monthly supply of a quantity of this same steel, which if not sufficient to meet Government's entire monthly requirements would have made a very large contribution thereto, received from one of the manufacturers who are now so highly praised was summarily rejected—whilst Government continued to take from British steel which was badly needed in that country.

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## Personalia

Among the passengers who arrived here by the Shengking and Singapore by CPA yesterday were C. K. Hing-chock, Chan Wah-kuen, Koo To-chang, W. A. Thomas, G. J. Manning, K. W. Richards, K. H. Oloberg, E. M. Johnson, Lee Kim-chee and Tan Yoon-tam.

Those who left by CPA for Bangkok, Singapore yesterday included G. Stevens, Koo Lian-tai, Huang Ann, E. Gran, Paul Yu, Prithvi Raj and H. F. Balani.

Arrivals from Shanghai yesterday by the ss. Shengking included Mr. W. Fielden, Father L. J. Maullio, Mr. S. P. Nissim, Mr. C. W. Carr, Mr. R. S. Hill, Mr. S. Jones and Mrs. Jones.

Departures for Singapore by BOAC yesterday included Dr. and Mrs. Bergman, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Howell, Mr. Foulard, Dr. Ridd, Miss Cheah Swee Phink, Mr. Chow Wong-kee and Mdm. Lim Caik Yan.

Among arrivals from Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatshan were Miss Jean M. Worcester, Mr. Jas. C. Thomson, Mrs. M. S. C. Thomson, Mr. Wm. T. Blackstone, Miss C. E. Cobb, Miss Dorothy A. Huff, Mr. Fred D. Schultheis, Mr. Thorndale Gilie, Mrs. Katharine Gilie, Miss Julie A. Kolstad and Miss Helga J. Waabeno.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mrs. M. J. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gran, Messrs. M. E. Meriman, W. H. Thomas and Miss F. L. Hopkins.

Among new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cunha, Messrs. G. A. Glossop, D. W. Burnett, F. Guttenplan, V. Schlaacks, R. Fuller, E. Lam, J. D. Hicks, H. A. Knook, J. Mouren, N. Hayashi, A. H. Hodges, M. W. Cook and P. J. O'Sullivan.

Among those who left for Saigon yesterday by Air France were Mr. and Mrs. E. Berthen, Mr. C. H. Dougherty, and Mr. Z. V. Chu.

Miss Lydia Maria Sequeira will become the bride of Mr. Leoncio M. Hernandez at Holy Church today. The wedding ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Mr. F. W. Kendall, local manager of Philippine Airlines, returned here yesterday by PAL.

Among other passengers from Manila: Mr. Frankline M. Howells, Mr. Kenneth A. G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Passeri, Mr. Ernest A. Ledoune, Bishop George C. Caey, Mr. E. Milton Mitchell and Miss Helen A. Heiman.

The following arrived here from Canton by Hong Kong Airways yesterday: Mr. M. S. Ady, Mr. C. H. Harker, Mr. W. T. Sturges and Mr. J. J. Bennett.

Arriving yesterday from the United Kingdom by BOAC: Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Edgar, Mr. R. S. Jettys, Mr. K. van der Eynde, Lieutenant Colonel. D. I. Simmons, Major J. H. Salaman, Major R. A. N. Stirling-Baker, Captain R. H. Livingston, Lieutenant R. A. Baldwin, Captain R. Fowler, Sergeant B. G. Birbeck, Mr. J. Dover, Mr. K. K. Gidwani, Mrs. Gidwani and baby.

Leaving for Manila by PAL yesterday: Mr. Chester Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark, Mr. Donald Curry, Mr. Carl Magnuson, Mr. J. B. Sluiter and Mr. Robert L. Wagner.

### OPIMUM HAUL CONFISCATED

The year's biggest opium haul had a sequel at Central yesterday before Mr. J. H. Shing J. A. An order for confiscation was made for 5,540 taels of raw opium, valued at more than \$500,000, seized by Revenue Inspectors at the Po Cheong Chan on June 10.

## Arrival Of Shengking



First class passengers, including the seven foreigners who were refused entry into Shanghai, were taken to the Company's wharf, on the arrival of the ss. Shengking from the Communist port of Yantai. Disembarkation was delayed when the local police had to transfer 341 former Nationalist soldiers to lighters to be taken to Canton by the ss. Fatshan. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Startling Allegation By Robbery Suspect

An allegation by accused that his fountain pen, found by the police in his house, was later substituted at the Lower Court hearing of the case featured a trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Wong Ping, who together with two others is charged with taking part in an armed robbery on June 27, 1948, told the Court that he did not tell his counsel before the trial about the pen because he was not interviewed by them.

Those in the dock were Wong Kau, Wong Ping and Tang Yau-fat, all of whom are charged with robbing the premises at 80 Connaught Road West, of \$23,000 in monies and jewellery.

First accused is not legally represented. Mr. Percy Chen is defending Wong Ping and Tang Yau-fat, the first on the instructions of Mr. A. C. Arculli and the second instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Following further evidence by the prosecution yesterday morning, the Crown closed its case.

First accused denied the allegations against him from the dock, claiming that he had been beaten by the police in an effort to admit the guilt.

Wong Ping, second accused, stated in evidence that he was working at the Yick Fung Factory, enamelling bins.

### Arrested At Factory

At 4.20 on the morning of January 20 this year, he continued, he was arrested at the factory while doing night shift. The police there asked him if he knew anything about the Tin Pui firm of 80 Connaught Road, Central. He replied in the negative.

Accused went on to say that the police then accompanied him to his home at San Wai Village. There he saw five other inmates handcuffed and taken away, and whom he never saw any more.

As regards the Crown evidence in connection with the fountain pen found at his house, which is alleged to be part of the loot taken from the robbery, Wong maintained that the pen found in the basket at his house was his pen, which he had bought for \$2.

Wong told the Court that the pen produced at the Lower Court by the police as an exhibit was not the pen which the police took from his house at all.

At this stage, Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, asked Mr. Chen if he was surprised at this evidence. Mr. Chen replied: "I shall not answer that question."

The Court further pressed counsel to reply to the question, "What is your explanation of the fact that Mr. Williams declared that he would have to make very strong comments to the jury when the time came, on this point?"

"Not the slightest suggestion has been made when the Crown witnesses on giving evidence that the pen produced as an exhibit was not the pen found by the police," Mr. Williams stated. It was now suggested for the first time, he added, that the pen found in accused's house was not the one produced by the police.

Instructions Confidential

Mr. Chen then declared that he would not reply because whatever constituted his instructions from his clients must remain absolutely, 100 per cent with him.

"No one is entitled to ask from me what my instructions were," he maintained. He added that Mr. Williams' opinion that it was counsel's duty to challenge the Crown on that point, to which Mr. Chen stated that he was merely explaining to the Court why he was not answering that particular question, accused stated that he was not replying.

Crown counsel, Mr. H. H. Williams, then asked the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty on the charge of armed robbery. Wong denied that he did not tell his counsel about the pen because he was not interviewed by the latter.

At this point, Mr. Chen interposed that he would like to point out that Mr. Russ appeared in the Lower Court for the accused, and the fact that Mr. Russ had died two weeks ago. The Court in reply to this ruled that there was no relevancy in Mr. Chen's statement.

In reply to a further question, Wong agreed with counsel that his contention was that his pen, which was taken from his home, was mysteriously substituted at the Court for another.

The third accused, Tang Yau-fat, then took the stand to testify on his own defence. He stated that he was arrested in a bus in January 23 this year in Ping Shan by two European police inspectors and was asked about the robbery. Tang said he replied that he did not know anything about it.

### Ashamed Of Haircut

Crown Counsel in cross-examination inquired what business was done between March, 1948, and August the same year, to which Tang stated that he had gone to prison at the beginning of that period on account of a false accusation by his brother on some controversy. When he came out, he was ashamed of his short haircut, and stayed out in the country away from Hong Kong.

At this Mr. Chen rose and objected to the way Mr. Heenan put his question. He submitted that Mr. Heenan should have anticipated a reply similar to the one which witness had already given. This he declared, was prejudicial to the accused. Counsel asked formally that the jury be discharged and a new trial be ordered.

In reply to this, Crown Counsel submitted that he had not the reason to even remotely think that Tang might have been elsewhere during the period stipulated.

The Court then told counsel that this matter would be argued the next day, and that in the meantime, he would allow the hearing to continue.

After further cross-examination, hearing was adjourned from 9.30 p.m. yesterday until 2.30 this afternoon.

## Congratulations To Police Commissioner

Mr. D. W. Macintosh, CMG, Commissioner of Police, was congratulated by his colleagues on the Urban Council yesterday on his award of the CMG in the King's Birthday Honour List.

Mr. B. K. Hawkins, OBE, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, spoke on behalf of the Official members of the Council, and Mr. A. C. Arculli, and Mr. B. Wong Tapp, OBE, on behalf of the Unofficial members.

In his reply to the congratulations the Commissioner of Police thanked his colleagues for the honour which he has been extremely fortunate in his official colleagues in the Police Force and other departments without whose help he would not have achieved what has been achieved.

## GLENROY'S VOYAGE

The Glen Roy, masterly Glenroy, made the Hong Kong-Canton voyage in 40 days, despite a detour at Port Said.

# Chinese Soldiers Jump Into Harbour To Avoid Trans-shipment

A large party of Hong Kong Police boarded the British steamer Shengking on her arrival here yesterday from Shanghai to supervise the disembarkation of 341 former Nationalist soldiers who had forced their way into the ship at the Red-held port.

The Emergency Units were called for to aid the Waterfront Searching Units to transfer the stowaways into the ss. Fatshan which was to take them to Canton, at the Kwangtung Wharf yesterday afternoon. Several soldiers jumped into the harbour refusing to obey. They were fished out and kept under guard aboard until the ship sailed last night.

## Revenue Officer On Trial

The case against revenue officer Ko Chi-ming, aged 28, charged with demanding money with menaces and, alternatively, with corruption, was brought before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged that on the morning of May 26, Ko demanded \$5 from a travelling trader Ho Man, at the Yau-nai Railway Station, Kowloon.

Mr. Dalton, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was for the defence, while Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie conducted the case for the prosecution.

Complainant Ho Man, of 5 Lok Hin Lane, first floor, said in evidence that he was a travelling trader, operating between Hong Kong and Canton.

On the morning of May 26, he entered the Yau-nai Railway Station, carrying four bundles of goods. He was accompanied by his younger brother, Ho Kiu. Defendant came up to him and asked him what the contents of the bundles were. He told defendant that they were wires. Witness said that defendant then asked him "yat chuen sui" meaning \$10.

### Not Much Profit

"I do not make much profit," witness said to defendant. Defendant then asked him for \$5. Witness gave him the money, and defendant went away.

A police constable who was on the opposite side of the platform came to witness and asked him whether defendant had received money from him. Witness said that he told the policeman that defendant had accepted \$5 from him. The policeman then left witness.

Defendant came up to witness again and said "who took \$5 from you?" Another Chinese who was with defendant assaulted complainant and asked him which side of him he was on. Complainant told him that it was defendant. They then left the station.

Defendant reported the matter to the Tsimshatsui Police Station at about 4 a.m.

After cross-examination by defence counsel, the case was adjourned to June 23.

## ST. LUIZ OLD BOYS' REUNION

Old Boys of St. Luiz Gonzaga College of Macao held their first reunion dinner last night at the Hong Kong Hotel Royal Garden. There were about 100 of them present.

St. Luiz was organized in Macao during the war years at the request of the Portuguese authorities who wanted old boys of St. Joseph College and La Salle College in Hong Kong, who were taking refuge in the Portuguese colony, to have an opportunity of continuing their studies.

For the occasion, under Father Henry O'Brien, as headmaster, were invited over from Hong Kong to take charge of the College.

Among those present last night were Father O'Brien, who expressed his pleasure at seeing his old boys doing so well; Father B. C. Kelly, headmaster of Wah Yan College; Father A. Conroy; and Mr. Arthur Lopes who rendered great help when the College was first organized.

## DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

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| Cardinal's Club                | 50     |
| Yellow Tail Co.                | 50     |
| Star Theatre                   | 50     |
| Mr. M. T. Shao                 | 100    |
| Total                          | 21,650 |

## Will Renew Business Connections

Not to seek refuge but to bring back families and to renew business connections, more than 200 Chinese arrived here from Shanghai yesterday in the Shengking.

Unlike the panicky disembarkation that was common during the hectic evacuation days before Tientsin and Shanghai were occupied by the Communists, the arrivals took it easy yesterday.

There was less shouting, less disorder and it was not very long before most of the passengers were already with their families, friends and business associates ashore.

Though there were here and there "diehards" who are still sceptical of the Communists, the majority gave the impression of favouring present day life in Shanghai.

General conditions there have not changed, except for prices of foodstuffs which have varied slightly, they revealed. All shops are operating as usual but business has declined compared to that in the Nationalist days.

In contrast, however, the People's Government seemed to encourage amusement centres like night clubs and movie halls. They have controlled the prices, which are cheaper than before. These centres are well patronised.

A writer, who is seeing the Colony again after several years, said that the Communist drive against crime has been very successful.

### Prisoners Freed

At first, they liberated all prisoners with the hope of letting them reform themselves. This proved to be otherwise. There were frequent robberies.

To stem the tide, the police arrested for serious crimes were shot. This evidently has curbed the terrorism.

Before the Liberation there were about 30,000 officers and constables in Shanghai. Today there are not more than 10,000. They have changed to more productive jobs.

The rationing of rice has been suspended. Only students and labourers were permitted to buy rice at rationed prices, a former student said. He is going into business. Asked why, he replied quickly: "Get more money quicker."

### Underground Banks

A banker who is here "on business" revealed that the people's Government is perturbed by the existence of several underground banks, which accept deposits at high interest rates.

"Commercial banking is still unsettled because of this subversive operation," he said. An influx of capital funds to the underground banks has resulted in the tempting offer of high interest, to the detriment of the city's financial situation.

"Many business firms are also taking in cash deposits, absorbing funds which should have gone to the proper commercial banks."

Touching on the currency situation a businessman said that there has been a report that a passenger cannot take out more than US\$100 when he leaves the city.

"When we left the official rate was US\$1.00 to JMP\$1.650 and HK\$1 to JMP\$2.80," he said.

## GOLD ORDERED CONFISCATED

Gold amounting to 33.03 taels, officially valued at \$4,620, was ordered at Central yesterday to be confiscated.

Leung Fung, found by Revenue Officers in a tin of gold on board at Kwong Tung, was absent from court and his \$10 bail was exonerated.

The other 20 taels were found on Sit Wah, a crew member of the Tai Wo. His bail of \$10 was exonerated.

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## PETITION OVER SCHOOLS FOR WORKERS' CHILDREN

### Reminders

**Today**  
 11. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
 11K Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, annual meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m.  
 Ivory Engraving Exhibition, at Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.  
 Flag Whist, Women's Section, European YMCA.  
 Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Casino Club, 6 p.m.

### Coming Events

#### TOMORROW

Y's Men's Club, talk on "Education" by Mr. Lam Hay-lan, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
 RAF Association, luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel 12.45 p.m.  
 Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Post-war British Shipping" by Commander R. A. C. Bercham, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (June 30 meeting will be closed)

## Delay In Payments System

The Hague, June 21.

Neither the new European payments system nor the "Bancor" "pre-union" arrangement will be ready to start operation as due on July 1, Dr. H.M. Hirschfeld, Netherlands' commissioner for the European Recovery Programme, declared today.

Dr. Hirschfeld told a press conference that no agreement has yet been reached on the payments system but expressed hope that an accord might be found at a meeting of the EERP big six—Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United States—on Thursday.

Even if this happens, he said, it is no longer possible for technical reasons to put into effect on July 1, when the currency arrangement expires.—Associated Press.

## BOY HIT BY FALLING POLE

A boy of 13, Li Ching, was walking on the street in Wanchai Road, when a pole fell on him from the first floor of a building.

On the complaint of the boy's father, a Chinese woman, Chin Sheung, of 229, Wanchai Road, 1st floor, was charged at Central yesterday with negligently allowing a pole to fall from the first floor to the danger of persons lawfully using the street.

She was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$40 compensation to the boy.

## USED TOY GUN IN TAXI HOLD-UPS

An unemployed taxi-driver, who is alleged to have held up four taxi-drivers during the past two weeks and robbed them of about \$200 in cash and two watches, was yesterday arrested by the police at a pawnshop in Wanchai, when he attempted to pawn one of the watches.

His arrest led to the discovery of a toy revolver, said to be the phony weapon he used, which was hidden in the roof of a house in Lockhart Road.

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Half a loaf is better than no bread stressed the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Victoria, and the Reverend George She Cathedral Chaplain, in a petition to the Governor-in-Council yesterday.

The petition asked for the Director of Education's closure order served on the Hong Kong and Kowloon Schools for Workers' Children to be revoked; that his notice to withdraw subsidy be cancelled; that the existing subsidy be increased and that new Government schools should be open to workers' children.

The Director of Education has ordered that schools be closed on August 31, this year. It is proposed to accommodate the children in two new schools, to be constructed by Government.

At the end of 1946 there was a large number of children of employees of local utility companies, dockyards and government departments (estimated then at about 36,000) who were unable to secure admission into the primary schools of the Colony.

With the assistance of the Church Missionary Society Day Schools, the Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon started a school for workers' children. By means of a flower box and collection of money among the workers and other sympathisers, a fund was started for equipping several schools.

In September 1948 the workers' Education Advancement Society raised \$76,719.79 from a Flower Box Day. The sum was handed to the Management Committee to meet the financial responsibility of educating the children.

On May 20, 1949 a letter was received from the Director of Education cancelling the registration of all the workers' children's schools (with the exception of a school on Jaffe Road called the "School for Workers' Children"). The reason given was that the schools are in unsuitable premises. Further, an "unpleasant" incident occurred on one large school each on either side of the harbour the subsidy to the schools will cease after August 31, 1949 but pupils from these schools will be given priority of entry into the proposed new schools.

There are 1,947 pupils in the schools whose registration are being cancelled. It is believed that the two new Government schools will be able to hold 1,920 pupils and this means that after absorbing the children in the Workers' Children Schools, about 27 pupils would be unable to gain admittance into the new schools.

## No Increase in Vacant Places

This means that although there is an increase in two schools involving a sum of \$700,000 there is no increase in vacant places for uneducated children, said the petition. There would then be an improvement in the quality of school premises but not in quantity.

But with 35,000 children still denied education (with no prospect of the majority of them getting education probably in their pre-adult lives at the present rate of progress and the birth of new schools), it seems that half a loaf is better than no bread, added the petition.

Although not of as high a standard as the Committee desires to attain, yet the schools are not below the standard of the average subsidised primary schools in the Colony, added the petition.

The petition added that in these days of desperate clamour for schools, it is a serious responsibility to close a single school and still more a chain of schools. The work of educating some 2,000 children has cost Government \$360 a child a year as against \$200 for Government infant-in-aid secondary schools. Multiply this by 2,000 and the saving to Government is obvious.

## Better Than Homes

The Workers' Children School premises although in some cases are not ideal are much better than the homes from which the pupils come.

The most distressing consequence of the closure order is that nearly 800 children will have to walk a long way (or pay, from fare) in order to get to the two new Government schools.

The workers are passionately eager to secure education for their children and are prepared to continue raising part of the cost. The closure order therefore leaves them with a feeling of frustration. When the Management Committee was allowed to open a school in the afternoon called the Mongkok School, the Education Department stated that it could be so used for three years. "This period has not yet expired."

The two petitioners said they are satisfied that the Education Ordinance and other legislative measures contain adequate safeguards without the need to the present closure order. The Education Department, they added, are subject to regular inspections.

The petitioners asked that the Director of Education's closure order of May 20, 1949 be revoked.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO BRIDGES IN NT

The Army authorities announced yesterday that work will start shortly on the improvements to roads and bridges in the New Territories to enable the bridges to accept heavier traffic.

This will result in a certain amount of traffic dislocation especially on the main road leading round the Western Half of the New Territories.

Every effort will be made to keep such an inconvenience to a minimum and as much work as possible will be carried out at night, added the statement.

## SOLD CIGARETTES WITHOUT LICENCE

The woman was shedding cigarettes from her waist all along the way," said Mr. Millington, when a Chinese woman, Che Lai, aged 33, was charged at Central yesterday with selling cigarettes without a licence and possessing dutiable commodities.

The prosecuting officer said that 310 cigarettes were tied to defendant's waist when she was arrested at the Star Ferry wharf. A fine of \$50 or 14 days' in default was imposed.

## Social Welfare Office Report For May

Broom-making and clothing co-operatives to help destitute women and children have been planned by the Government Social Welfare Office, according to the Office's report for May.

In the same month, the Social Welfare Office dealt with 36 would-be suicides, 25 of whom have been in the Colony for more than two years.

The highlight of May's activities, according to the report, was the Exhibition of Social Services which was sponsored by the Hong Kong Council of Social Services and in which 62 government and private agencies took part. The Exhibition was formally opened by the Governor.

It was a very successful one and for the whole of the three days was crowded with visitors, including 25 children from Social Welfare Camps and Welfare Centres; and members of the Social Welfare Office were required to make at least one visit. The English and Chinese press reactions to the Exhibition were complimentary, although the lack of space and consequent overcrowding of stalls was commented upon sympathetically.

During May the residents of Shamshui became increasingly interested in promoting further constructive welfare work through their already long established Kalfong Institution. Several enthusiastic meetings have been held in which a great deal of constructive preparatory work was completed. Some of the leading members including Messrs. Wong Pak-kan, Ma Taz-sun, Wong Yuen-sam, Cheung Chung-shun, Lam Kwong, Chan Tat-sam, and Sham Tsui-wah.

The amateur laundry co-operative run by a small group of near-destitute women at the Sai Yung-poon Government Welfare Centre expanded a little after making somewhat slow headway at first. The Shamshui and Yuenmala Welfare Centres started working on plans for broom-making and clothing co-operative ventures to be run mainly by the destitute children who attend there.

## Transfer Of Comp

A flourishing horticultural co-operative run by the boys of the Government Matsu-chung Relief Camp received a setback when it was found that the "Matsu-chung" was moving in June. The Director of Education's closure order of May 20, 1949 was revoked.

## Trip North Cancelled



Two hours after 1,200 Shanghai-bound Chinese passengers had embarked in the Dutch steamer Tjandane (above) the trip was cancelled when it was decided that it would be dangerous to sail up the Whangpoo because of the Anchises bombing. Below is a group of those who were among the first to board the ship relaxing on deck after choosing the most comfortable spot. ("China Mail" Photos).

## Scathing Attack On Immigration Dept.

A scathing attack on the Immigration Department was made by Mr. M. A. da Silva before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday in the case of Mrs. Galina Ivanovna Kamachkina, aged 31.

Mr. Silva's attack followed the statement in court that the Governor-in-Council had rejected an appeal by her lawyer to allow her to stay in the Colony.

Sub-Inspector Mudd, who prosecuted, said that the Governor-in-Council had rejected her petition to stay in the Colony and that he would press for an expulsion order and have her sent back to Canton whence she had come.

After Mr. Silva had pleaded for an adjournment, Mr. d'Almada adjourned the case to Friday.

## Wartime Measure

"I and others like me have viewed with alarm the continuance of what was really a wartime and emergency measure—the Immigration Department of the Police Authorities. We viewed this with alarm because that office or department could only operate to bar a comparative handful of foreigners and British subjects and would not exercise its powers to bar hundreds of thousands of Chinese."

There was and is, therefore, in my respectful opinion, and in the opinion of every right-thinking citizen of Hong Kong, no justification whatsoever for the continued existence of the Immigration Department and it is my earnest hope that as and when we obtain a revitalised and reconstituted Legislative Council, the first act of that democratic body will be the abolition of that Police Immigration Department.

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## Arbiter Of Morals

"As I see it, the only reason underlying request for defence of a woman is that some unknown men at some official desk has thought to make himself an arbiter of morals and such arbiter has decreed that if Gorman (who was fined \$1,000 recently for bringing a defendant into the Colony) has a wife in England to whom he will not give support for certain reasons, this woman, whom he considers to be his common law wife should also be not entitled to his support and protection by continued residence in this Colony."

The number of women and children emigrants interviewed in May was nearly three times as great as in April; many of them were returning to Singapore or Malaya after visiting their homes in China for the Ching Ming Festival.

A widow, prosecuted by the Welfare Office, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment to a distant island for failing to support her children. By the end of May a total of 1,129 wards had been registered since February 1946, and 855 of the girls remained on the register. On May 31, 1949, there were also 820 voluntarily registered adopted sons still on the register.

## Ordinance On Fishing Trawlers

An Ordinance to bring fishing trawlers, which are increasing in local waters, within the complete scope of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, will have its First Reading at today's Legislative Council meeting.

No part of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is completely applicable to mechanically propelled vessels of large dimensions used for fishing. In view of the introduction into the Colony of fishing with such vessels it is considered that certain provisions of the Ordinance be made applicable to them and that further provision may be made by regulation.

In the United Kingdom extensive provision is made for fishing boats under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. In view of the different circumstances in which fishing is carried on from this Colony it is considered more feasible to extend to trawlers such of the provisions of the principal Ordinance as are considered applicable and to provide a power to make regulations for other matters covered by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, rather than enact provisions analogous to that Act at a stage where sufficient practical experience of the operation of large mechanical fishing vessels in the Colony has not been gained.

## DUAL ROLE FOR TRAM CONDUCTOR

Chan Shing, a Hong Kong Tramway Company conductor, was defendant as well as complainant at Central yesterday. Together with Law Shiu-lau, a gateman of the Tramway Company, he was charged with common assault on Wong Chai in the third class compartment of a tram. He was fined \$75 and ordered to pay \$25 compensation to complainant.

Both defendants were bound over in the sum of \$200 for one year.

Immediately after sentence was passed, Chan was called as complainant in a charge of larceny by finding against an unemployed Chinese, Chung Kim.

Complainant said that during the scuffle in the assault incident, he dropped a watch. Defendant picked it up and boarded another tram going in the opposite direction.

He chased defendant, got back the watch and took him to the Police Station.

A sentence of three months was passed on Chung.

## CANADIAN OFFICIAL ARRIVES

Mr. Thomas R. G. Fletcher, Foreign Service Officer of the Canadian Government, has arrived here to act as Canadian Government Assistant Trade Commissioner. Previously, Mr. Fletcher served as Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada at Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. Fletcher is a graduate of the University of Toronto, 1941, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Commerce (Cum Laude). He served in the Canadian Army 1942-1945 and retired with the rank of Captain following service in England and North West Europe.

Joining the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1945 as Foreign Service Officer, he was assigned to Melbourne in 1946. Mr. Fletcher is accompanied by wife and infant daughter. They are residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

## THE FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Department for the week ended June 18, 1949, are as follows:

|                      |      |           |
|----------------------|------|-----------|
| Rice & Flour         | 7.2  | \$4.9400  |
| Vegetables           | 1.9  | 1.3870    |
| Salt Cabbage         | 2    | 2.2320    |
| Oil                  | 7    | 1.5400    |
| Tea                  | 2    | 3.9600    |
| Balt Fish            | 3    | 3.3300    |
| Balt Fish            | 4    | 1.2080    |
| Pork                 | 3    | 1.2250    |
| Pineapple            | 10.0 | 2.7000    |
| Bean Curd, 14 pieces |      | 7.0000    |
| Total                |      | \$14.0580 |

## THAILAND'S NATIONAL DAY

Mr. Wimal Pachimsavati, Secretary in charge of the Thailand Consulate-General at Hong Kong, held yesterday that on instruction from his Government, no reception in connection with Thailand's National Day, will be held on June 24.

The Consulate will be closed on that day.

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## TENDER NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate will be received at the office of the Custodian of Property, until noon on Friday, 24th June, 1949, for the purchase of the following unclaimed Machine Parts, etc.:

One "Century" Generator, markings:  
110/120 82/16  
K.W. 4. R.R.M. 1500  
Cycles 50 Phase 8  
Serial No. 16748.

One 4 cylinder Motor Car Engine.  
One Motor Car Radiator.  
One Boiler.  
One lot scrap metal & piping.  
One Switch Board with instruments attached.

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|----------------------------|------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| 11                         | pcs. | Ball-bearings  | 8"              | diameter | Case No. 1. |
| 14                         | "    | "              | 8 1/2"          | "        | "           |
| 34                         | "    | "              | 7"              | "        | "           |
| 11                         | "    | "              | 7 1/2"          | "        | "           |
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| 11                         | "    | "              | 4"              | "        | "           |
| 24                         | "    | "              | 4 1/2"          | "        | "           |
| 91                         | "    | Scrap bearings | "               | "        | "           |
| 9                          | "    | "              | 4"              | "        | "           |
| 5                          | "    | "              | 5"              | "        | "           |
| 27                         | "    | "              | double castings | "        | "           |
| 1820                       | "    | Steel drills   | (small          | "        | Case No. 7. |
| 130                        | "    | "              | (old)           | "        | "           |
| 45                         | "    | "              | (mixed, old)    | "        | "           |
| 13                         | "    | "              | (boring, small) | "        | "           |
| 9                          | "    | "              | (large)         | "        | "           |
| Miscellaneous drills, etc. |      |                |                 |          |             |

Tenders should be clearly marked "Tender for Machine Parts, etc."

Inspection permits will be issued on application to prospective tenderers by the Custodian of Property, Telephone Building. The Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

No warranty is given in any way as to description or condition.

W. G. FITZ-GIBSON,  
Custodian of Property  
and  
Custodian of Enemy Property.  
June 14, 1949.

## POLICE FORCE

### ANNUAL LICENSING OF VEHICLES FOR PERIOD 4th JULY 1949 TO 13th AUGUST 1949

#### 1. Date of Commencing of Licensing.

Licensing will commence on Monday, July 4, 1949 at 9 a.m. and will continue daily, closing at 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

#### 2. Place of Licensing.

All licensing will take place at Central Police Station, Hollywood Road, entrance from main door in Hollywood Road.

#### 3. Order of Licensing.

Vehicles will be licensed in "Blocks" of 400 per day commencing with Nos. 1-400 on Monday, July 4 and continuing as follows:—

|                        | Private Cars & Motor Cycles.             |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Monday, 4th July       | Motor Cars 1-400<br>Cycles 1-150         |
| Tuesday, 5th July      | Motor Cars 401-800<br>Cycles 151-300     |
| Wednesday, 6th July    | Motor Cars 801-1200<br>Cycles 301-450    |
| Thursday, 7th July     | Motor Cars 1201-1600<br>Cycles 451-600   |
| Friday, 8th July       | Motor Cars 1601-2000<br>Cycles 601-750   |
| Monday, 11th July      | Motor Cars 2001-2400<br>Cycles 751-900   |
| Tuesday, 12th July     | Motor Cars 2401-2800<br>Cycles 901-1000  |
| Wednesday, 13th July   | Motor Cars 2801-3200<br>Cycles 1001-1100 |
| Thursday, 14th July    | " " 3201-3600<br>" " 1101-1200           |
| Friday, 15th July      | " " 3601-4000<br>" " 1201-1300           |
| Monday, 18th July      | " " 4001-4400<br>" " 1301-1400           |
| Tuesday, 19th July     | " " 4401-4800<br>" " 1401-1500           |
| Wednesday, 20th July   | " " 4801-5200<br>" " 1501-1600           |
| Thursday, 21st July    | " " 5201-5600<br>" " 1601-1700           |
| Friday, 22nd July      | " " 5601-6000<br>" " 1701-1800           |
| Monday, 25th July      | " " 6001-6400<br>" " 1801-1900           |
| Tuesday, 26th July     | " " 6401-6800<br>" " 1901-2000           |
| Wednesday, 27th July   | " " 6801-7200<br>" " 2001-2100           |
| Thursday, 28th July    | " " 7201-7600<br>" " 2101-2200           |
| Friday, 29th July      | " " 7601-8000<br>" " 2201-2300           |
| Tuesday, 2nd August    | " " 8001-8400<br>" " 2301-2400           |
| Wednesday, 3rd August  | Motor Lorries 5001-5400                  |
| Thursday, 4th August   | " " 5401-5800                            |
| Friday, 5th August     | " " 5801-6200                            |
| Monday, 8th August     | " " 6201-6600                            |
| Tuesday, 9th August    | " " 6601-7000                            |
| Wednesday, 10th August | " " 7001-7400                            |

#### Commercial Vehicles

|                        |               |           |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Wednesday, 3rd August  | Motor Lorries | 5001-5400 |
| Thursday, 4th August   | "             | 5401-5800 |
| Friday, 5th August     | "             | 5801-6200 |
| Monday, 8th August     | "             | 6201-6600 |
| Tuesday, 9th August    | "             | 6601-7000 |
| Wednesday, 10th August | "             | 7001-7400 |

Owners are requested to ensure that Vehicles are licensed on the day allotted and shown in the above table. Vehicles will NOT be licensed out of turn. Any Vehicle not licensed on the day allotted will be licensed on August 11, 12 and 13, 1949.

#### 4. Fees.

The scale of fees for private cars, motor cycles and commercial vehicles is as follows:—

| Private Motor Cars (Unladen weight)                   |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Not over 15 cwt                                       | \$ 54.00  |
| Over 15 cwt but not over 20 cwt                       | \$ 72.00  |
| Over 20 cwt but not over 25 cwt                       | \$ 90.00  |
| Over 25 cwt but not over 30 cwt                       | \$ 108.00 |
| Over 30 cwt but not over 40 cwt                       | \$ 144.00 |
| Over 40 cwt                                           | \$ 180.00 |
| Private Motor Cycles                                  |           |
| Solo                                                  | \$ 18.00  |
| Combination                                           | \$ 24.00  |
| Hand Trucks                                           | \$ 48.00  |
| Commercial Vehicles (Pneumatic Tyres)                 |           |
| Not over 15 cwt                                       | \$ 54.00  |
| Over 15 cwt but not over 30 cwt                       | \$ 90.00  |
| Over 30 cwt but not over 45 cwt                       | \$ 135.00 |
| Over 45 cwt but not over 60 cwt                       | \$ 180.00 |
| Over 60 cwt but not over 90 cwt                       | \$ 360.00 |
| Over 90 cwt                                           | \$ 800.00 |
| Any Other Commercial Vehicle:                         |           |
| Over 15 cwt but not over 50 cwt                       | \$ 405.00 |
| Over 50 cwt but not over 80 cwt                       | \$ 810.00 |
| Over 100 cwt commercial vehicle will not be licensed. |           |

Owners should produce the vehicle licence book and the appropriate fee should be paid in cash or cheque.

5. Drivers licences will NOT be renewed at the same time as vehicle licences. A further press notice will shortly appear giving details of renewal arrangements.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, June 20, 1949.

## NOTICE

### SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, 1932.

GENERAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, UNDER SUB-SECTIONS (15) AND (16) OF SECTION 3 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, 1932, TO HOLD FUNERAL AND MARRIAGE PROCESSIONS AND TO PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS THEREAT

A General permit is hereby granted under sub-sections (15) and (16) of section 3 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, to hold a procession on the occasion of and for the purpose of a funeral or a marriage and to play musical instruments during the holding of such a procession subject to the following conditions:

- Notice must be given to the officer in charge of the Police station nearest to which the procession is to commence, not less than 6 hours before the commencement of a funeral procession and not less than 2 days before the commencement of a marriage procession.
- Such notice shall contain the following information with regard to the procession:—
  - the date, time and object thereof;
  - the names and addresses of the persons responsible for the organisation thereof;
  - the proposed route thereof and number of persons who will participate therein;
  - the number and type of vehicles intended to be used;
  - the number of bands, if any, intended to be provided by the organisers.
- The persons responsible for the organisation of the procession will ensure that peace and good order is preserved and minimise any obstruction or inconvenience and shall comply with any directions given by the Commissioner of Police as to the route which shall be followed.
- This permit shall not extend to a procession encroaching upon a footpath or verandah.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Now here's a stronger rubber band, sir—very accurate up to fifty feet!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH  
THERE is nothing very abstract about the theory and practice of bridge. The idea is merely to take a smaller loss by playing the hand yourself than by letting your opponents make a contract they have bid. Obviously, you can afford a bigger loss to prevent a slam than to prevent a game, and a larger loss to thwart a game than to head off a part-score. In each case, you should weigh the number of points probably dropped by one procedure as against those to be dropped the other way, and select whichever seems to be the smaller.

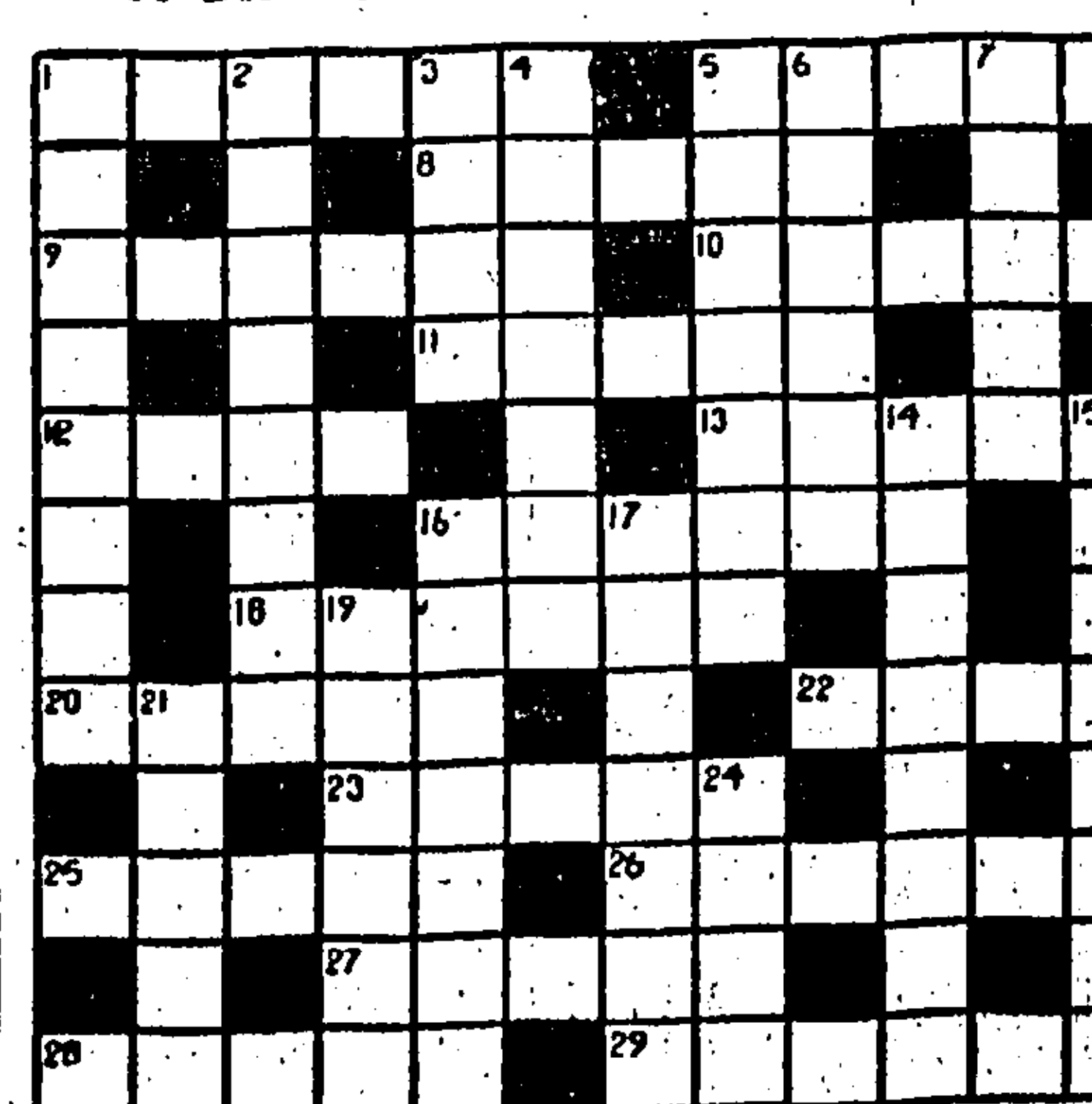
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CK 3 2  
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C Q J  
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H 10 8 6  
D 7 6 5 2  
C 0 8 7

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)  
South West North East  
1 C 1 H 1 S  
2 NT 2 H 3 D  
3 NT 4 H Dbl

South was pretty venturesome with his two bids of No Trumps in the face of West's strong heart calls, having only one stopper. But he could have made it easily, if he developed, if he guessed the clubs correctly, getting five tricks in that suit plus four in diamonds.

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)  
What is the most skillful way for East and West to bid on this deal?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- | Across               | Down                |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Material.          | 1 Garlands.         |
| 2 Fire.              | 2 Gave.             |
| 3 Twelve.            | 3 Certain dates.    |
| 4 Method.            | 4 Complicated.      |
| 5 Ventilated.        | 5 Wander about.     |
| 6 Rotates.           | 6 Accorded.         |
| 7 Wind instrument.   | 7 Thin material.    |
| 8 Treated medically. | 8 Deciding.         |
| 9 Calm.              | 9 Muddled.          |
| 10 Polton.           | 10 Close relatives. |
| 11 Tourn.            | 11 Conundrums.      |
| 12 Volcano.          | 12 Tenant.          |
| 13 Knobs.            | 13 Likeness.        |
| 14 Dance.            | 14 Alkali.          |
| 15 Affectionate.     |                     |
| 16 Went wrong.       |                     |
| 17 Yield.            |                     |
| 18 Drooped.          |                     |
- Yesterday's Crossword  
Across: 1. 3751, 7. Grapes. 8. Exit, 9. Dais, 10. Collar, 12. Toll, 15. Killa, 18. Snip, 19. Reelm, 21. Unita, 22. Fall, 23. Nurse, 26. Bent, 29. Poovich, 30. Ripe, 31. Arin, 32. Atlas, 33. Part.  
Down: 1. Greed, 2. Opulent, 4. Least, 5. Test, 6. Bill, 9. Drip, 11. Allen, 13. Opal, 14. Limp, 16. Erase, 17. Dumb, 18. Sign, 20. Elevate, 22. Fred, 24. Upper, 25. Usual, 27. Earn, 28. Trap.



# PLANNED PARENTHOOD RECOMMENDED FOR UK

London, June 20.

Planned parenthood and expert advice on contraception, as Britain's official policy, are recommended in a revolutionary report by a Government Commission published today.

The report—by the Royal Commission on Population, set up five years ago—is likely to face stormy criticism from the Catholic Church and some medical circles.

One of the main recommendations is that the giving of advice on contraception to married people who want it should be a duty of the National Health Service, and that the restrictions on the supplying of such advice should be removed.

Urging that the local authorities should be allowed to establish birth control clinics as such, the Commission says that, though contraception is widespread at present, a formidable amount of harm is caused through faulty knowledge.

This is reflected in the prevalence of criminal abortion, which is so widespread as to constitute a grave social evil.

Among the many proposals made by the Commission for instituting a new family welfare programme are:

1. Family allowances should be increased immediately from five to seven shillings a week, and to 10 shillings for children aged 11 or over.
2. The cash allowance under the Family Allowance Act should be exempt from income tax.
3. Anaesthetics or analgesia during childbirth should be available to all mothers who desire them, unless there are medical reasons against them.

The Commission also recommends that the desire to emigrate or to dictate a deliberate policy, however difficult it might be in execution, of distributing the manpower of the Commonwealth.

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## Sequel To Mayfair Coup

London, June 20.

The raid by three alleged gunmen on the London flat of Lady Sylvia Brooke led to Derek Gould, aged 19, being remanded in custody at Marylebone Magistrates' Court today on a charge of being concerned with others in robbing the former Rames of Sarawak.

Another youth, also aged 19, George Frederick Thatcher, already in custody, was remanded on charges of being concerned with the other men in using violence to Lady Brooke in her flat and robbing her of £15, a gold cigarette case, six brooches, a handbag and other articles worth £100.—Reuter.

## Tram Came Between Them

Blackpool, June 21.

William Brindle wants his wife to give up her job as tram conductor and come home to do the cooking.

On Saturday he was put on probation because he stopped traffic along the sea front by telling his troubles to a crowd he gathered on his wife's tramline.

On Sunday he burned the skirt of her conductor's uniform and hid the jacket. The wife, Violet, went to work in a green smock.

Brindle cooked his own dinner and "I will get Violet back home if it is the last thing I do," Brindle growled.

"The trams are my career," snapped Violet, "I go on whatever happens."—Associated Press.

## DRUG RUNNER SENTENCED

Bremherhaven, June 20.

A merchant seaman, Richard Washington, of New York, was sentenced today to 18 months' imprisonment for trying illegally to bring marijuana cigarettes into Bremherhaven. Half the sentence was suspended.

Washington, aged 34, was arrested when a vessel, the Dalton Victory, returned here from Britain. He was charged with traffic in narcotics on May 27 after 60 of the drug cigarettes were found in his possession in routine search as he left the docks.—Reuter.

## RAIL ACCIDENT

Palma, June 20.

Six were killed and 50 seriously injured in a railway accident near Mahinour in Bihar Province last night.

The accident is said to have occurred when the axle of a passenger coach gave way.—Reuter.

## GROWING DEMAND FOR AID TO ASIA

Geneva, June 20.

Mr. Rawl Kasem Khan, Pakistan employers' delegate to the International Labour Organisation conference today strongly backed the growing demand for a greater concentration by United Nations agencies on the problems of under-developed countries.

"The problems of these countries have received the same amount of attention as those of the highly industrialised countries, though their need for assistance has always been great and of an imperative nature," Mr. Khan asserted.

"With growing recognition of the fact that poverty anywhere constitutes a threat to prosperity everywhere, and a comprehension of the global nature of present-day economy, the peculiar problems of less developed countries should receive special consideration in the deliberations and executive programmes of all international organisations," he said.

Mr. Khan's appeal follows a series of speeches by employers' and workers' delegates from India and other Asiatic countries.

They argued that the United Nations agencies can not effectively improve world living conditions unless they pay more attention to the two-thirds of the world's population living in Asia.

Further backing was given to this campaign by the decision of workers' delegates here yesterday to found an Asian Labour Federation, which will present

SHOWING TODAY **KING'S** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

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NEXT **HAZARD**

## LIE PROPOSES UN "GUARD FORCE"

Lake Success, June 20.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, today proposed that the United Nations establish a guard force of not more than 300 men to be drawn from the military force of member nations.

The small force would not regularly bear arms of any kind and would be authorised only in isolated instances to carry side-arms.

Before the last General Assembly met, Mr. Lie proposed a guard force of 800 men and it was estimated this might grow in time into a unit of 5,000 men. The proposal was attacked then by Russia.

Mr. Lie, offering his revised proposal for consideration of the 14-nation Commission established to consider the setting up of a guard force, stipulated that it would be part of the Secretariat but would be recruited from national governments. It would consist of a maximum of 300 men. The personnel would, as far as possible, be physically fit men between the ages of 22 and 30 with field experience and the necessary technical background. The term of service would be from one to three years.

The guard force would be given a daily subsistence allowance by the United Nations of two dollars for food and preparation and one dollar for maintenance. Their salaries would be paid by their own Governments which would be re-imbursement by the United Nations.

The units would not be expected to fight and would not have any functions of observation or of protection.

## Guard Duties

Specifically, under Mr. Lie's proposal, the guard force would provide land transport for missions and such incidental air transport as may be required, maintain radio communications for the missions, safeguard the security of United Nations premises and members of missions, supervise safe custody of supplies, records and archives, maintain order during mission hearings and investigations, and perform guard duties at headquarters.

Mr. Lie estimates that the guard unit would cost US\$1,088,500 for the first year of operation and less for succeeding years. The cost of his earlier proposal was estimated at a minimum of US\$4,000,000.

The Commission considering the proposal comprises representatives of Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Haiti, Pakistan, Poland, Sweden, Russia, Britain and the United States.—United Press.

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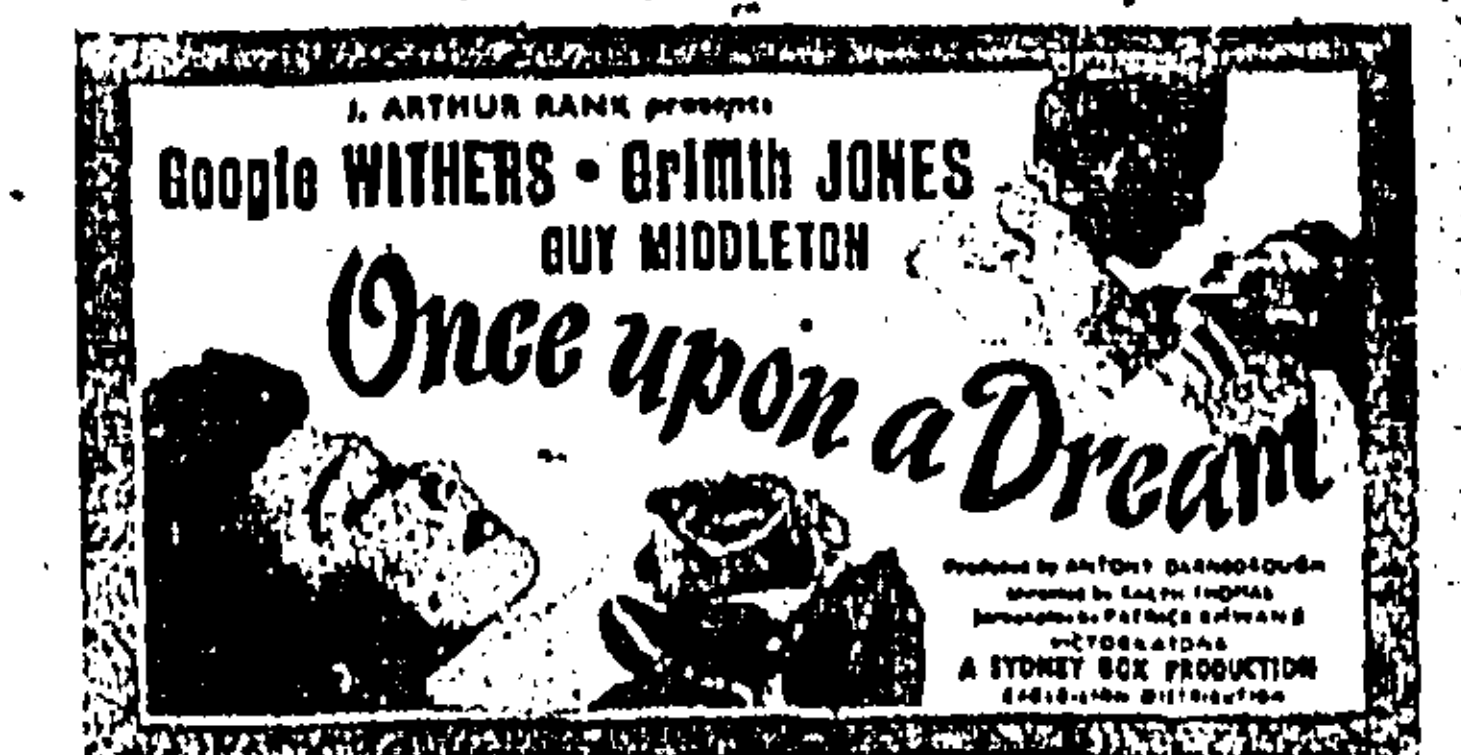
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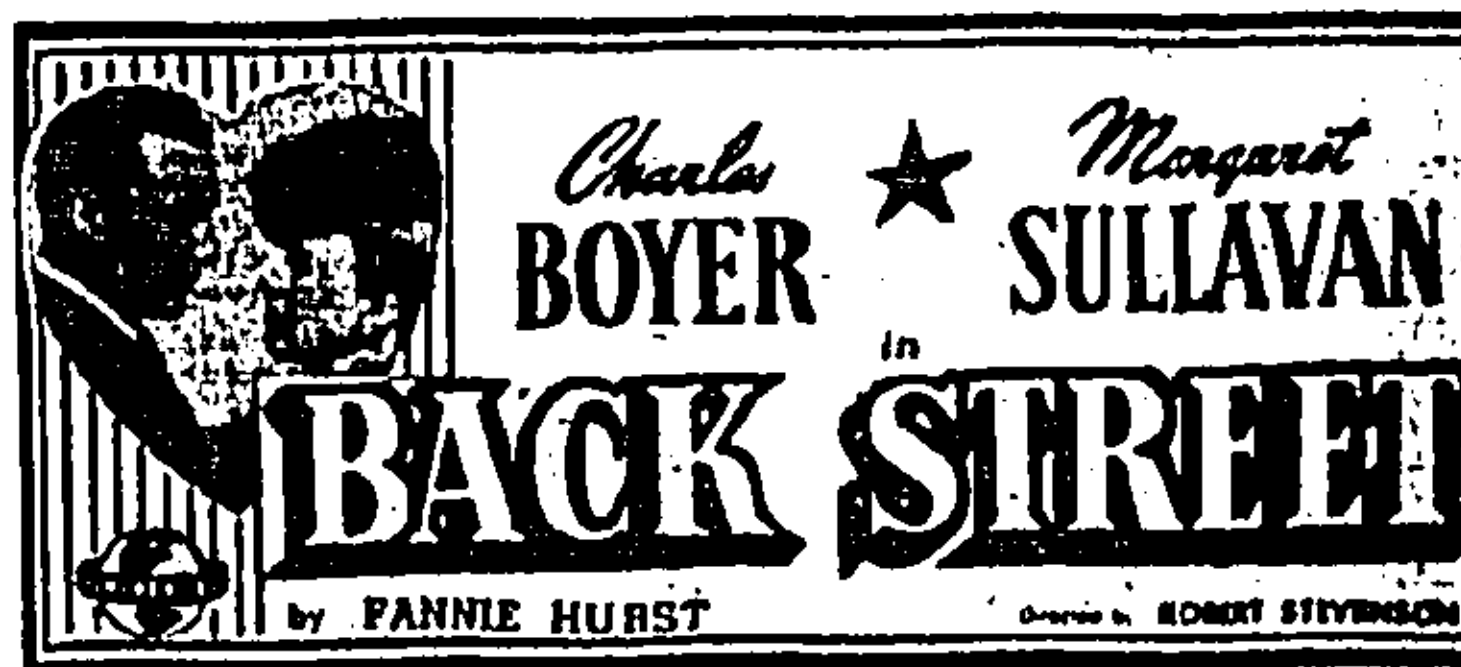


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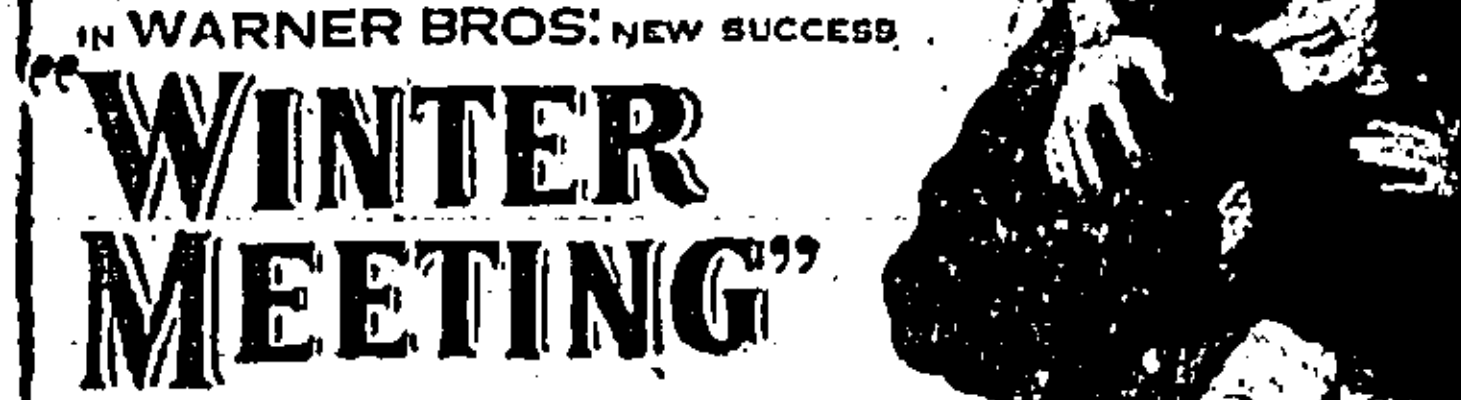


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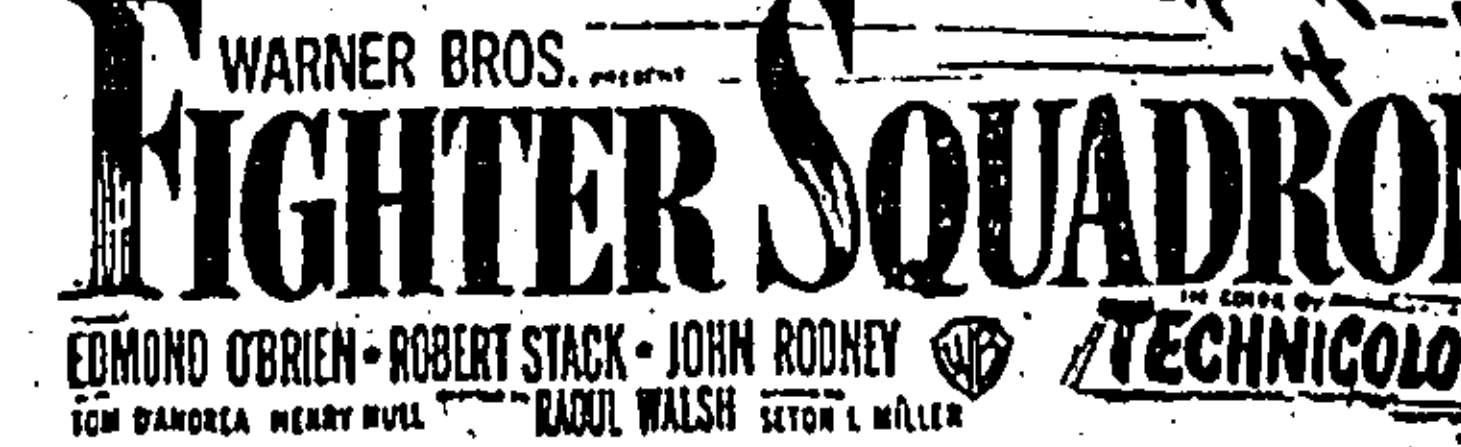
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## Spanish Pretender's Son



As part of an agreement between his father, Don Juan, Spanish Pretender, and General Francisco Franco, Prince Juan Carlos, 12-year-old son and heir of Don Juan, has been studying with sons of members of Spain's nobility, at a school outside Madrid. Here the young Prince puts the shot with a heavy heave, watched by his school-mates.—AP Photo.

## American Capital For S.A. Mines

Johannesburg, June 20.

For the first time since the discovery of the Orange Free State gold fields, American capital will be directly associated with their development, according to a Middle Witwatersrand (Western Areas) Limited announcement tonight.

The announcement said that the Kennecott Copper Corporation of the United States will guarantee the provision of just over £2,500,000 working capital for the Virginia Gold Mining Company Ltd.

The Company has been formed to mine the area contiguous to Farm Harmony 222 in the Virginia area (Virginia lies about 30 miles South East of Odendaalsrust).

The Kennecott Copper Corporation will provide £2,000,000 in 15 years debentures. Interest free, until production begins, and thereafter at three per cent.

The balance will be in share at par.

The Middle Witwatersrand announcement said that the Union Government has recognised the

pioneering nature of these arrangements with Kennecott's agreeing to a special reduction in the lease formula under which the Mining Company will operate.

Application will be made forthwith to the Mining Leases Board. Kennecott's will have the right for five years to convert £500,000 of debentures into shares at a premium of 60 per cent and share holders will be afforded the opportunity to subscribe to these debentures.

The balance of the issued share capital will be provided by the Middle Witwatersrand and other companies associated with the leased area.

### Reports To Be Investigated

Meanwhile the Governor-General of South Africa, Mr. Van Zyl, and the Finance Minister, Dr. N.C. Havenga, today appointed a special Commission of Inquiry to investigate a report, circulated two weeks ago, of an alleged "richest ever" gold strike at a farm at Dankbaarheid, in the Orange Free State.

The report was issued three days after a "fabulously rich" yield had been confirmed at Esk-deel. The Dankbaarheid find was said to be "even richer". The probe is to be conducted by the Chief Magistrate of Benoni, Transvaal, who is instructed to report on the circumstances which led to the announcement, being

## Nazi's Suicide In Gaoi Cell

Oldenburg, June 20.  
A German concentration camp superintendent, Johann Peter Kern, was found hanging in his cell here today when guards went to fetch him to face trial.

A German court was sitting to hear the charges against him of ill-treating and murdering German political prisoners at the Embsland concentration camp.

Twenty-seven witnesses, including Fritz Ebert, Eastern Mayor of Berlin, were to have been called.—Reuter.

## ANCIENT MAPS AS A GIFT

Hartford, Connecticut, June 21.

The British Government is offering this State copies of four priceless maps of the old Connecticut colony—because Connecticut has given back to the island of Pitcairn a Bible once owned by the mutineers of the Bounty.

This is reported by Librarian Thompson K. Harlow of the Connecticut Historical Society.

The society recently returned the Bible of HMS Bounty at the request of islanders on Pitcairn, where the descendants of the mutineers live. It was obtained from an early descendant on the island 110 years ago by a Connecticut whaler.

In response to the American gift, the British Colonial Office offered as a token of appreciation copies of four ancient maps of Connecticut dating from 1607 to 1760 now in the Public Record Office in London.

The society has accepted the offer with the statement that they are extremely valuable to Connecticut as no known copies are in existence.—Associated Press

## FIRE STARTED BY PETROL

Manila, June 21.

Explosion of two petrol drums in a store of a Chinese merchant started Sunday's conflagration in Masabado which caused property damage amounting to two million dollars.

This is reported to the National Red Cross by the Commission of Inquiry to investigate the fire.—United Press.

## PLOT UNCOVERED IN SALVADOR

El Salvador, June 21.

The Government has announced the discovery and defeat of a "reactionary" plot to overthrow the present military junta and install a "despotic" regime headed by Colonel Aguirre Salinas.

A communiqué published by the Revolutionary Government Council today said that the abortive revolt had been set for June 10.—United Press.

made to the South African Press Association and published by the Association.

In addition, the Chief Magistrate is instructed to report also on the various reports, official as well as non-official, which were spread regarding the alleged discovery and the donations thereof and also the purchases and sales of shares between June 12 and June 17 inclusive of the various companies having an interest in the possible exploitation of gold on the farm concerned.

The report, which was made on June 6, was later denied by the corporation, drilling at Dankbaarheid.—Reuter.

# LABOUR PRESSING ITS WAGE CLAIMS Major Challenge To Government

London, June 20.

The Socialist Government's "Wage freeze" policy is today getting its biggest challenge yet as organised labour presses its claims for higher wages.

The nationalised Railways Executive, faced with demands for higher wages by 620,000 railwaymen, met union leaders today.

Before starting the talks, the leaders of one of the two big railway unions—the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen—announced their rejection of an offer of increases for the lowest paid of London's 80,000 railwaymen.

The other union, the National Union of Railwaymen, had already rejected the offer.

Separate wage negotiations, with identical claims by the two unions involved, are being conducted simultaneously on behalf of the London and provincial railwaymen.

The railwaymen have threatened to paralyse the nation's railway transport by a "go slow" movement and a return to the basic 44-hour week if the wage claims are not met before the end of this month.

The annual conference of the Post Office Engineers at Blackpool, Lancashire, was told by its president, Mr. Ernest Power, today that the delay in dealing with the claims for more money for transport workers of the Post Office would be a disaster.

Their claims had been made as long ago as February, 1948, he said.

### Time Not Ripe

But Mr. Jack Tanner, the president of the powerful 800,000-strong Amalgamated Engineering Union, warned his men at their annual conference at Scarborough, Yorkshire, that the time is not yet ripe for passing resolutions demanding higher wages and improved conditions.

Mr. Tanner, warned against Communists and said: "We must not be provoked by outside interests into sacrificing solid progress for immediate and temporary gain."

New negotiations are also taking place today to prevent a strike which has been threatened by key workers at London power stations. The power men are protesting against a new wage agreement, but without the support of their union.

At another trade union conference—the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers at Bridlington, Yorkshire, the chairman, Mr. F.G. Mulligan, warned employers that his union will continue to demand a higher standard of living than is provided for by the present frozen minimum rates.

### Docks Threat

Meanwhile, strike slimmers in the docklands, although major strikes in Liverpool and Bristol, caused through the British labour backing of the Canadian Seamen's Union's war with the International Seafarers' Union, were set for next week.

Forty dock workers in London refused to unload the Canadian ship Argonaut, (7,180 tons), which has been strike-bound since May 8.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, warned London dockers last night that the Communists are trying to involve the Party in the dispute.

### Embarrassing To Government

Mr. Ness Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, told a railwaymen's meeting tonight: "Nothing has caused the Government more embarrassment than the action of unofficial strikes all of which have hit the public."

The men lost wages for no good purpose, the public suffered hardship and the nation had suffered losses which had assured retarded Britain's economic recovery, Mr. Edwards said.—Reuter.

## EASTERN EUROPE TROUBLED

London, June 20.

The arrest of the Hungarian Communist, László Rajk, has created an atmosphere of uneasiness and "insecurity" in Eastern Europe, reliable reports from the "People's democracies" indicated today.

The belief is general throughout satellite States, these reports said, that the purge has only started and will gain momentum in the next few weeks.

"Who will be next?" is the question even Communist leaders are asking, the sources said.

The Hungarian Communist organ "Szabad Nép" commenting on the general situation, said: "There has always been a fear for every martyr of the Communist cause." It added that it is a policy of imperialists to infiltrate agents in Communist ranks.

It is not certain what direction the purge will move in the next few weeks but rumours are circulating within the Iron Curtain countries that the Communist parties of Rumania, Poland and Czechoslovakia should be the next targets of a clean sweep from the Kremlin's viewpoint.

In Rumania, the Communist Party Secretary-General, Gheorghe Gherghel, has been considered for some time as head of a "national" group and therefore a possible purge candidate. Recently, however, there have been reports that Rumanian Foreign Minister Ana Pauker is in trouble.

That she has gone to Russia or that she is seriously ill. These rumours are but rumours, however, the nervousness of Communist Party supporters brought on by a long chain of deviations and subsequent purges, starting with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, who successfully defied the Cominform, and ending with László Rajk who faces trial for espionage.—United Press.

## SOVIET AGENT SENTENCED

Berlin, June 20.

A United States district court in Berlin today sentenced Bernhard Eckmer, 48-year-old self-confessed agent of the KGB (the Soviet Secret Police) to 10 years imprisonment for an unsuccessful attempt to kidnap a person in Western Berlin last August 1.

Eckmer, confessed to having participated in several kidnappings on KGB orders.—Reuter.

result that those who returned from hiding last night slept on the hospital floor.

Hospital authorities are debating how to persuade the lepers to move out. They contend that the Tala Leprosarium is the proper place for them and facilities there are better than those in San Lazaro. The lepers maintain otherwise.

It is believed the principal reason for the lepers' refusal to move is that they will be farther away from friends and relatives who visit them regularly.—United Press.

## LEPERS REFUSE TO MOVE

Manila, June 21.

The authorities of San Lazaro Hospital today failed to carry out the announced transfer of lepers from the Hospital to a new home in the Tala Leprosarium, a few miles outside Manila, due to stubborn resistance of the unfortunates.

Transfer of 141 men and women lepers actually began yesterday but a Hospital official admitted that only four women lepers were actually transferred. The others stoutly refused to embark on the waiting trucks.

Lepers forcibly resisted attempts to lead them away. Some lepers hid in bushes in the hospital compound.

A number of the lepers' beds have been transferred with the

## Good Prospects In Newfoundland

Montreal, June 20.

Newfoundland has experienced an upsurge in business since Confederation, and prospects for business and industrial expansion in the new province appear to be good.

Mr. H.C. Vaughan, President of the Canadian National Railway, said this morning that Mr. Vaughan arrived in Montreal after completing a 3,000-mile inspection tour over CN's main line to St. John's.

Conditions in the Grand Banks region prospects are dependent upon transportation facilities, he said.

Mr. Vaughan said a large share of credit for what has been accomplished in developing Newfoundland must go to the builders and operators of the railways and shipping services, which have been incorporated into the Canadian national system.

Mr. Vaughan said the cost of operating Newfoundland's transportation will add considerably to the annual expenditure of the province and will need all the trade we can get to offset this condition.

Rough terrain, thin traffic and distances between outposts present serious operating problems.

Since the Confederation there has been a marked increase in the number of travellers to Newfoundland and the province of Prince Edward Island.

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## PAKISTAN DEFENCE FORECAST

Karachi, June 20. Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to Canada, today forecast that India and Pakistan may one day adopt a common defence system on the lines of the Canada-United States plan.

Mr. Mohammed Ali, who is leaving here tomorrow for Canada where he will be Pakistan's first High Commissioner, told Reuters: "Between India and Pakistan there is a long artificial boundary as there is along the forty-ninth Parallel in North America."

"If Pakistan develops friendly relations with India then the common defence plan for Canada and the United States might prove helpful to us."

Mr. Mohammed Ali admires the United States-Canada system which allows goods and people to pass freely between the two countries. He feels that a similar system can, with advantage, be developed between India and Pakistan.

Mr. Mohammed Ali, who until recently was Pakistan's Ambassador in Rangoon, expects Burma to achieve stability within six months if everything goes to plan.

"Representatives of the Commonwealth countries giving aid to Burma will ensure that any material assistance rendered will be properly utilized, and that arms and equipment will not be allowed to fall into the wrong hands," he said.—Reuters.

## Moral Standards Necessity

Caux-Sur-Montreux, June 20.

Lady Sinha of Bombay, wife of India's only Peer, told the World Assembly for Moral Re-orientation here: "The only security today for our family and our nation lies in following God's plan and living by absolute moral standards."

Applause greeted her 19-year-old son, Anindo Sinha, when he said: "Moral re-orientation will capture the youth of India. They want a great idea to live for. The answer for India does not lie in brilliant brains but in changed hearts."

Daw Nyet Tha, Burmese woman's leader, spoke of her hope for Burma because of moral re-orientation.

"In the areas where moral re-orientation has been applied, Karens, Burmans, Indians and Chinese all live together in harmony, even though there is fighting in other parts of the country," she said.

"What is the secret? These people have learned to live on the basis of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, and to listen to God together."

"Instead of each race blaming the other, they start with a change in themselves."—Reuters.

## Excommunication Of Enemies

Vatican City, June 21.

The Roman Catholic church today struck back at its enemies in Czechoslovakia and excommunicated all Catholics who join the Communist-sponsored Catholic action, rival to the Church's lay organisation of the same name.

It was a blow in support of the 60-year-old Archbishop of Prague, Monsignor Josef Beran, whose sermon was broken up at St. Vitus' Cathedral on Sunday by hecklers.

The excommunication was announced in a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Holy Office, an ancient body charged with defending the Faith against false doctrines. The decree declares the new Catholic action group schismatic and accuses its founders of fraud.

In a statement announcing the excommunication, the Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office alleged that the promoters of the Committee had forced or deceived many people into joining it, and had published lists of members, including the names of some people who are, in fact, opposed to it.

The Chairman of the Action Committee, M. Ferdinand Pujman, recently announced that 1,500 priests had joined the Government-sponsored organisation's appeal for an agreement between the Church and the State.

Today's Vatican decree is the first direct counter-blow by the Holy See to the recent attacks on Monsignor Beran.

Today's special Vatican decree was issued by the Supreme Council of the Holy Office here 24 hours after Monsignor Beran had criticised the Catholic Action Committee in a sermon.

The decree said: "In recent times the adversaries of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia have founded a so-called 'Catholic Action' with which they are trying to induce Catholics of that Republic to desert the Catholic Church, and deny obedience to its rightful clergy."

"The decree continued: 'This action is all the more iniquitous in view of the fact that its promoters are not hesitating to press any people with force or deceit to give their names to its membership, and have even dared to publish as being its members the names of many priests and laymen who never gave their support and who have even shown their opposition to it.'

### Wave Of Arrests

"For this reason, the Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office, in its tasks of safeguarding the integrity of the Faith and of morals, in the name and with the authority of the Supreme Pontiff, approves and condemns as schismatic the above-mentioned action, fraudulently called 'Catholic Action'."

The special form of the excommunication pronounced by the Holy Office today is revocable only by the Pope.

Even as the Church acted with one of the most powerful weapons at its disposal, Czech police tightened their guard over the Prague Palace of the Archbishop. He has declared a fight to the death against efforts to make the Church a Communist puppet.

Czech churchmen in Prague said the Government has launched a wave of arrests against priests and prominent laymen in Moravia. They report without confirmation that Archbishop Josef Matocha of Olomouc in Moravia is one of those placed under police surveillance. Rumours that Archbishop Beran himself has been placed under formal arrest lack confirmation because persons outside his palace are unable to make contact with him.

At the same time, the Communist-led government of Poland tightened controls on Catholics of that country by seizing the large Franciscan printing presses near Warsaw and taking over Catholic printing equipment at 14 other places.

By the excommunication, which denies Catholics the right to the Sacraments and the society of other Catholics, the church backed up Archbishop Beran's threat of the severest automatic punishment in the power of the Church.

### Betrayal Of Czech People

The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" declared today that the excommunication uncovers a subtle movement against the Faith and

against the most profound liberty of a civilised people.

The recent police action against the Archbishop and the faithful is true persecution, the paper added.

"This is a betrayal of a civilised and Christian people by precisely those who declare that they are acting in the name and for the good of the people. This is a 'democracy' that surpasses the tricks of the most absolute tyranny of yesterday, and surmounts the vulgarity and iniquity of preceding regimes."

A Czechoslovak Government official statement tonight accused Monsignor Beran of attempting to misuse the divine service to attack the Government.

Monsignor Beran, whose Palace is reported to be under police surveillance, was shouted down in St. Vitus Cathedral yesterday. He was heard to say: "The recently issued paper of the Catholic Action Committee (a State-sponsored Catholic organisation) cannot be regarded as a really Catholic paper," before the uproar became deafening.

Tonight's Government statement said: "On June 19, on the occasion of the solemnisation of Corpus Christi in St. Vitus Cathedral, Archbishop Beran attempted to misuse the divine service to attack the Government and the Catholic Action."

"His remarks met with the opposition of the congregation, who condemned this attempt to misuse the divine service for political purposes of an anti-State character."

Officials of the Czech security police have told Catholic priests throughout the country that the latest Pastoral letter of Monsignor Beran must not be read or circulated in their churches.

In spite of the ban, the letter has been read in some Prague churches.

### Definite Break

In Czech Catholic circles, the past week's occurrences are regarded as a definite break between the Church hierarchy and the National Front Government.

Until tonight's statement, the general public had had no news of the police action at the Archbishop's palace, of his condemnation on Saturday of the Catholic Action Committee, or of yesterday's incident at the Cathedral, except for eye-witnesses and foreign radio broadcasts.

A group of left wing priests said in a statement today: "Democratic priests are not afraid of the Bishop's threat."

The statement accused the Bishops of having brought pressure on clergymen who had expressed their agreement with the Catholic Action's proclamation and said that the methods used amounted to interference with the personal freedom of the priests.

The statement said: "Democratic priests and laymen are determined to establish suitable conditions for permanent, friendly co-operation between Church and State. They know that they have the backing of the Government and of the overwhelming majority of the faithful and they insist on their agreement with the Catholic Action Committee."

—Reuters and Associated Press.

### BRITISH ENVOY IN LONDON

London, June 20. Mr. A. J. Bowker, British Ambassador in Rangoon, arrives in Britain for a holiday today and is later expected to have consultations at the Foreign Office on the situation in Burma.

Mr. Bowker will have about 10 days' rest before starting his discussions.—Reuters.

## Seizure Of Catholic Printers

Warsaw, June 20.

A Polish Government spokesman said today that the seizure by the State of Catholic printing presses is an executive measure taken under the nationalisation law and not directed against a special enterprise.

"Church property is exempted from agrarian reform, but not from nationalisation," he said.

The Church authorities confirmed on Sunday that 15 Catholic printing presses and offices have been placed under State control in the past few weeks. Almost all Catholic papers and periodicals are now printed by State-owned printing presses.—Reuters.

## Abetted Girl To Stow Away

Southampton, June 20.

Two members of the crew of the tanker British Genius were sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment today for aiding and abetting a 16-year-old girl to stow away on the vessel last May 4.

The girl who was deported from the United States after the tanker had put in at Miami, Florida, was bound over for two years last Thursday.

The seamen, Charles Pipe and Donald Hanford, both of Wales, pleaded not guilty.

The tanker's master, Captain Herbert Scott, testified that he found the girl in a cabin shared by Pipe, Hanford, and another member of the crew, Gerald Leach, last May 14, after Leach had reported the girl's presence.

The girl told the captain that she was 22 years old.—Reuters.

## SPECIAL APPEAL TO ARABS, JEWS IN PEACE TALKS

Lausanne, June 20.

The three United Nations Conciliation Commissioners for Palestine decided today to make a special appeal to Israel and her Arab neighbours before deciding to suspend the Lausanne talks.

At a secret meeting the Commissioners resolved that tomorrow they will see Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation to the Lausanne talks.

Mr. Hussein Jahid Yaltchin, Turkish Chairman of the Commission, will talk to the leaders of the four Arab delegations during the week.

The Commissioners will ask each side to make a serious effort to produce proposals which stand a chance of being accepted by the other.

If this appeal has no result, it is believed that the Commissioners may break up the Lausanne talks but will arrange to keep in touch with Israel and the Arab States in order to resume work if any chance of fruitful talks reappears.

Meanwhile, the Commissioners are due to meet the four Arab delegations this evening to discuss the future status of Jerusalem. Prospects of obtaining an agreed solution on this are said today to be reasonably good.

### Little Progress

The future of Jerusalem and of the Arab refugees from Palestine are the two problems on which the Conciliation Commission was specifically instructed to work by the United Nations General Assembly.

No signs have yet appeared of the Commission's finding a basis of agreement between Israelis and Arabs on what to do with the refugees—estimated by one United Nations agency at 940,000.

Neither has much progress been made with the problem of fixing the future frontiers of Israel, a task which the General Assembly told the Commission to attack among other matters. If the Commissioners decide to adjourn the Lausanne meeting, it is thought that they will recon-

vene, probably in August, to write their report for the General Assembly meeting in September.

### Jewish Warning

Israel, if forced into new "defensive warfare," will hold all the territory it might conquer, Mr. David Zvi Pinkas, Deputy Assistant to the Speaker of the Israeli Parliament, declared in a speech in New York.

Mr. Pinkas, speaking at a function inaugurating "Israel Week," which is to include the 20th annual National Convention of the Mizrahi Organisation, a religious Zionist group, said: "Let it be clear that if the Arab nations again take up the path of war as a means of solving problems we will fight back as before, and I am convinced that we will defeat them."

"If, during the course of warfare our armies are forced to conquer any adjacent territory which constitutes a springboard of attack against us, then we will have no recourse but to do so."

"We cherish peace above all else, and with a climate of peace we will labour to reconstruct our land in its present boundaries. But if warfare is forced upon us against our choosing, we will hold all we win."—Reuters.

## KASHMIR RULER TAKEN ILL

Srinagar, June 20.

Maharajah Sir Hari Singh, 53-year-old Hindu ruler of the State of Kashmir, today issued a proclamation authorising his son, Yuvraj Karan Singh, to carry out all his State functions in his absence from Kashmir for reasons of health.

His son arrived here today to act in his place.—Reuters.

## Nehru Welcomes Chandernagore

New Delhi, June 20.

Welcoming the outcome of the Chandernagore referendum for reunion with India, the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, said today that the form of the union will be decided after examining all the issues and consulting the wishes of the people.

In a message to Mr. Dye, President of the Chandernagore Council of Administration, Mr. Nehru said: "The decision of the overwhelming majority in Chandernagore, freely expressed by the democratic method of referendum, to join the Indian Union, has naturally caused me and my colleagues great satisfaction, which I am sure the entire Indian people shares."

He continued: "We welcome Chandernagore and its people to the Indian Union, and to the future Republic, as partners in the disciplined liberty of a great country and in the great tasks that confront us."

"India desires that this process of change, inevitable by reason of history, geography, culture and spirit of the times, should be voluntary and peaceful and should strengthen existing bonds of friendship between India and France."

"I send my greetings to the people of Chandernagore and my good wishes for their future progress and prosperity."

In Paris, officials of the French Government said that they are not surprised by the unofficial figures for the referendum, which showed a 90 per cent vote for the French city's union with India.

"We had expected this result," an official of the Overseas Ministry told Reuters. The referendum appears to have been held normally, he added.

The official figures will not be known until tomorrow. When they have been made public, with the reports of the neutral observers, France will negotiate a treaty with India for Chandernagore's official incorporation in the Indian Union.

This treaty will be submitted for ratification to the French National Assembly.—Reuters.

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## PART IV: ROAD TO CALVARY

## THE MINDSZENTY STORY

## The Sacrifice Of Life

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On December 11, 1947, Cardinal Mindszenty delivered an important and memorable pronouncement at the 22nd general meeting of the century-old St. Stephen Society, the Catholic publishing company. His subject was "Historical Responsibility." He quoted examples from the past; he cited the irresponsibility of the Hungarian ruling class at the turn of the century when 600,000 Hungarians were forced to emigrate to the United States because they could not make a living in their own country.

He spoke of Regent Horthy's irresponsibility in breaking his oath of allegiance to King Charles IV and driving him out of Hungary when the last Habsburg tried to return. He described the sad events of October 16, 1944. Then it was Horthy who found himself deserted by his supporters when he tried to proclaim an armistice and withdraw the Hungarian armies from the "evil conflict."

He denounced the irresponsibility and evil madness of the Hungarian Nazis in refusing Cardinal Seredi's request that Budapest and other unfortified Hungarian centres should be declared open cities and the Transdanubian bishops appeal to save Western Hungary from the ravages of war.

He then turned to the irresponsibility of the present. He pointed out that the situation after the second world war had made the government of Hungary a very difficult task, but he doubted whether this fateful responsibility had been sufficiently realised by those in power. He pointed out that after nine and a half centuries the Church, for the first time, had no voice in Hungarian legislation; that she was not even consulted about laws directly concerning religion and morality.

The Catholic Church had no newspaper, no free means of expression, "I refuse to renounce," the Cardinal said, "the Prime's legal right to comment any time on any legislation which in any way concerns the Church or the country." He denounced profiteers who took advantage of the bad economic conditions and artificially raised prices.

## Won Sympathy

He also won the sympathy of all who believe in justice. Even more, as the final result of his speech, the Hungarian Government admitted defeat. This admission was the Cardinal's arrest. By means of sinister compulsion and tremendous pressure—of which we shall speak later—the Cardinal was coerced into writing a letter of confession which he had planned to sign himself by recalling that for months the Communist regime was not only willing to let him escape—but actually put the means at his disposal. Another letter was written by him under the same pressure advising the Hungarian bishops to come to terms with the regime.

All this effort was a transparent endeavour to rob him of his prestige, to prove that he, too, was only human. Well, all they have achieved by torture, slander, intimidation and forgery is to make their enemy a victim a figure of world stature, a symbol of unquenchable integrity and faith.

As the onslaught and abuse increased in violence and acrimony—a good deal of it even unprintable—the Cardinal did not flinch. He kept a childlike calm, helped him to endure the storm. He told the story in 1946 in a speech at Szekesfehervar, the ancient capital of Hungary: "When I was a child," he said, "I liked to drop in at the village smithy, where the furnace glowed white-hot and the smith worked half-naked. I was never fond of the hammer because it dealt blows upon the anvil. But I pitted and loved the anvil because it endured the hammer-blow and did not strike back. Each blow made it harder, more resistant. The more furious the hammer, the calmer the anvil remained."

The hammer of the Communist regime struck increasingly furious blows, but the anvil of the Church and its great leader endured them calmly, more and more resistant.

The savage and malicious attacks were resumed with redoubled rage early in 1948. Of course, almost every speech he made, every letter he wrote, every step he took, had provoked a fresh and violent attack by the totalitarian Communist Press and the Government ever since October 1946. But, until January 1948 there had been pauses and lulls in these attacks; then they became almost incessant. A clear indication that in its helplessness, the Communist regime was getting ready for a final and violent onslaught.

## "In Our Own Country"

In our own country," he said, "the so-called new morality has not yet passed the test of

life. And if it has passed the test anywhere else, we do not hanker for its fruits." We have deliberately quoted at some length these passages of the Cardinal's speech which criticised the Hungarian political system. Yet, strangely enough, it was not for these criticisms that he was attacked; perhaps because they would have been very hard to answer. In a brief passage, he referred to a small political group which sprang up in Hungary and outside the country after the defeat of the Hungarian Revolutionary Armies in 1840.

This group, which was nicknamed "Flamingoes," had denounced the decision of the Hungarian political and military leaders not to continue the hopeless fight but to lay down arms and surrender to the Russian forces. Cardinal Mindszenty called the "Flamingoes" "the negative representatives of historical responsibility." For the "Flamingoes" had advocated the continued fight against the Habsburgs and the tremendous power of Russia; and in this they were certainly irresponsible because the adoption of their policy would have meant national suicide. All competent historians of Hungary agreed on this point; but the Communists had chosen the "Flamingoes" as their political ancestors and claimed that they had been right.

Ignoring all the other courageous statements in the Cardinal's 90-minute-long speech, his attackers concentrated on this one sentence. They were led by Zoltan Tildy, the President of the Hungarian Republic, himself, Tildy, a Protestant clergyman, an opportunist and collaborator, was a servile ally of the Communists. (Not that he was able to keep his position long, for his son-in-law, Victor Csoranyi, the former Hungarian envoy to Egypt, was accused of treason by the Hungarian Communists, tried and executed; and President Tildy had to resign as the scandal involved his immediate family. Thus the Communists served even those who were willing to co-operate with them to the utmost.)

In his attack on Cardinal Mindszenty, President Tildy was seconded by Ernest Mihalyi, ex-journalist and now chief of the President's Cabinet, who had already played a considerable part in reducing the Protestant Church in Hungary to complete obedience, and, of course, by Joseph Reval, the editor-in-chief of the official Communist daily. Quoting his address or rather the single sentence in it, the Communist newspapers accused Cardinal Mindszenty of working for the restoration of the Habsburgs, or denying all Hungarian traditions, and especially the ideals of the 1848 War of Independence. He was guilty, they clamoured, of Royalist, pro-Habsburg propaganda.

Yet the gravest accusation against him was made because of what he had left unsaid. One might have thought that he would have done best if he had asked Messrs. Tildy and Reval to write his speech for him! They were violently indignant that he had made no mention in his speech of Louis Kossuth, the great Hungarian leader, and Alexander Petofi, Hungary's greatest poet, who both played an important part in the fight for independence in 1848-49.

(To be continued on tomorrow)



Man who had not seen his father for 20 years was astonished to see his photo in the Press with cake in one hand and armful of notes in the other. He is now trying to find him urgently.....

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Eight persons were murdered in the Colombian elections, says a Press dispatch. "All the victims," it adds, "were Conservatives." Bit gory being a Tory down there.

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Metamorphosis. June has come again to England.

Toward that world of wondrous bliss. Wings our ex-obedient servant From his Hong Kong thyralls.

Through long years of exiled loneliness. He has had a lonely age In some dusty, dusty office Fitted to his pupal stage.

Now the butterfly emerges And becomes a thing alive! (Others live "begin of forty"—His starts in at forty-five!)

After that—flowers full of honey. Wait him, wander where he may.... Shall we four taxpayers, soulless?

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A man who won a considerable prize in the Lantau Sweep, now reveals that his first extravagance was to get his name put down on the waiting list for telephone.

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Referring to Mr. Chiffley's recent tour of the Chinese quarter in Singapore, a correspondent assures us that Mr. Chiffley will visit that they don't return his visit.

Thanks to the gangster films, the girl of today prefers her men tall, dark and handcuffed.

Myrtle's grandfather says no matter how ignorant a man is, he can always tell you something he doesn't know.

A new contributor to the column, who speaks the Doric even in his sleep (much to the annoyance of his Sassenach wife who canna understand it) is going to contribute a little now and then about his old friend, Mrs. Stewart of the Brass, as long as his memory holds out.

The good lady remarked one day: "Some folk say our Gerald's got a hump, but he hasn't; it's his sammet that works up."

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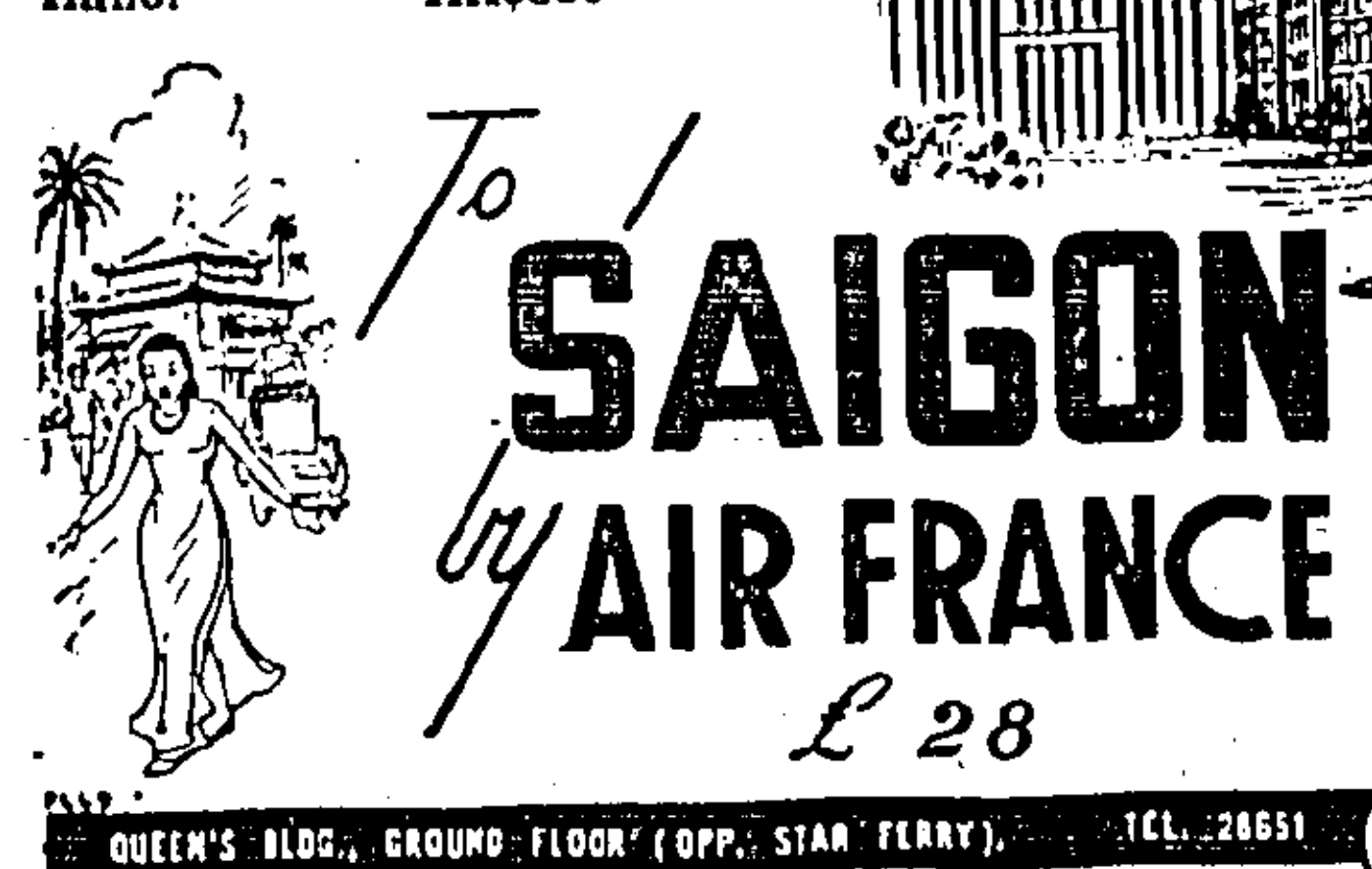


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## NATIONALIST BELLIGERENCE

Once again a British vessel has been attacked near Shanghai while going about its lawful business. At the time of writing the Blue Funnel motorship Anchises is reported to have been beached after bombing and machine-gunning outside Woosung by unspecified attackers.

We are not in the habit of jumping to conclusions in such a case, but every shred of evidence points to the Nationalists as being responsible. Simultaneously with the incident the Chinese Government officially announced in Canton that the coast from Foochow to Manchuria will be closed to all foreign shipping. No mention is made of Chinese coastal craft, which are apparently regarded as of small consequence compared with a blockade of food and general supplies from the outside world.

A warning by the Nationalists that this was intended was first broadcast on Sunday, but most corporations thought it unlikely that the threat would be carried out, deducing from the recent record of the KMT that they were incapable of effective action. It is true, moreover, as far as can be ascertained, that no formal notification was made to the authorities concerned, including Hong Kong, before yesterday, in order to give concerned time to consider an "ultimatum." In fact, indications at present point to a cold-blooded violation of the rights of neutrals.

However much anyone might have been opposed to this development, extensive though the dislocation might have been in coastal ports to the point of actual starvation, serious though the loss might have been to shipping and other commercial interests, no one could with justification have complained about the Nationalist blockade, if due warning had been given, a valid excuse being available on the grounds of military necessity. No official approach was made, however, until yesterday when the representative of the British Embassy in Canton received the Chinese Government's formal notification of its intention to close coastal areas.

So one of the most corrupt and contemptible administrations in modern times seems determined to invest itself at least with nuisance value to the last. There will no doubt be the usual squeals from armchair strategists that "a firm protest should be made." No doubt it will be, but this form of self-assertion is pointless in an age when the recipient knows that nothing will happen following his rejection of the note. The only useful course of action, which is already being adopted, is for all foreign firms to suspend sailings until the situation clarifies. This may sound to some like backing down, but there is no alternative unless convoys were to be sent out with warship protection—a highly unlikely development at the moment.

Something of the sort might eventually have to be considered, both for humanitarian reasons and to protect business interests, but our own opinion is that the Nationalists will not impose a successful blockade at all, and certainly not for any length of time. In due course the first enterprising company will take a chance, and the rest will follow. And world opinion about the Nationalists will fall to an even lower ebb than before, if this is possible.

## THE first three parts should

have explained what Cardinal Mindszenty's real crime was in the eyes of the so-called Hungarian democracy. He was the Primate of Hungary, he was the Primate of Hungary, he was the conscience of his people, he was the defender of the Faith. There could be no peace between him and totalitarian Communism.

We have also seen that the clash between Church and State had begun almost immediately after the end of the second world war and that neither side could or would yield. Communism identified its ideology with the fatherland and the individual; it was not satisfied with loyalty to the State, but demanded the exclusive right to direct the inner conviction of the citizens and the outside manifestations of these convictions.

Last year was the culmination of the struggle. It was a fateful and climactic year for Hungary, for the Catholic Church and for Hungary's Communist masters. For the Catholic Church it was the Year of the Holy Virgin, as proclaimed by the Cardinal in 1947.

For Hungary it was also a century year of the Great War of Independence (1848-9), during which Hungary defied the might of the Habsburgs and, later, the tremendous strength of Czarist Russia. Whereas in England the year 1848 caused only the comparatively mild ripples of the Chartist Movement, and in the larger European countries the revolutions petered out more or less quickly, Hungary fought or till late in the next year and would have actually prevailed against Austria if the Vienna Government had not called in Russian help. This tragic and historic period produced some of Hungary's greatest national heroes with Louis Kossuth at their head. The celebrations of this great century had been planned for a long time, but, as we shall see, they were exploited by the Communists for their own propaganda purposes. Finally, 1948 was obviously the year in which the Hungarian Communists had decided to liquidate all opposition in Hungary and especially the stubborn resistance of the Catholic Church to Marxist ideas.

During Cardinal Mindszenty's trial a great deal that was written in the newspapers of the West showed a confused and uncertain attitude of mind towards his person and the principles for which he stood. It was inevitable that the Communist campaign of slander and vituperation should bear some fruit even in the minds of those who were opposed to totalitarian ideas.

Few people not familiar with all the facts appreciate the unflinching courage and indomitable tenacity needed to persist in the fight against Communism—for a combatant with both hands tied behind his back. For Mindszenty had no Press, no chance to broadcast and seldom any opportunity of addressing the faithful; his most loyal adjutants were in prison. Notwithstanding the superior power of the truth, which he proclaimed could not be erased from people's minds and hearts.

## Efficient Police

Two things must be realised about Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest and trial. One is that the charges brought against him, the whole elaborate web of falsehood and distortion, had been contrived for a long time. As early as 1945 the Communists had clearly recognised that he was their deadliest opponent and that unless he were removed they could have no hope of breaking the spiritual resistance of the Hungarian Catholic Church. We have seen that Hungary possessed one of the largest and most efficient political police forces behind the Iron Curtain.

We have seen how, by intimidation and bribery, they had recruited a whole army of informers and spies. Nevertheless—and this is a certain fact—they were not using their elaborate machinery to manufacture evidence or to suborn witnesses against the Cardinal. They would have very much preferred that he should desert his flock and flee the country. They actually sent to him a small deputation headed by Zoltan Kodaly, the famous Hungarian composer, to implore him to escape, and offered him every facility to do so. For a whole month a plane stood ready at one of the principal aerodromes—but it waited there in vain.

If ever any moral proof were needed that Cardinal Mindszenty was utterly innocent of the charges for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment, this fact would be sufficient. It would have been easy for him to take advantage of the connivance of the Communist regime and seek safety in flight. But he chose to fight to the last ditch. And there was nothing left but force and its eternal tragedy: for the employment of force is always the admission of spiritual inferiority.





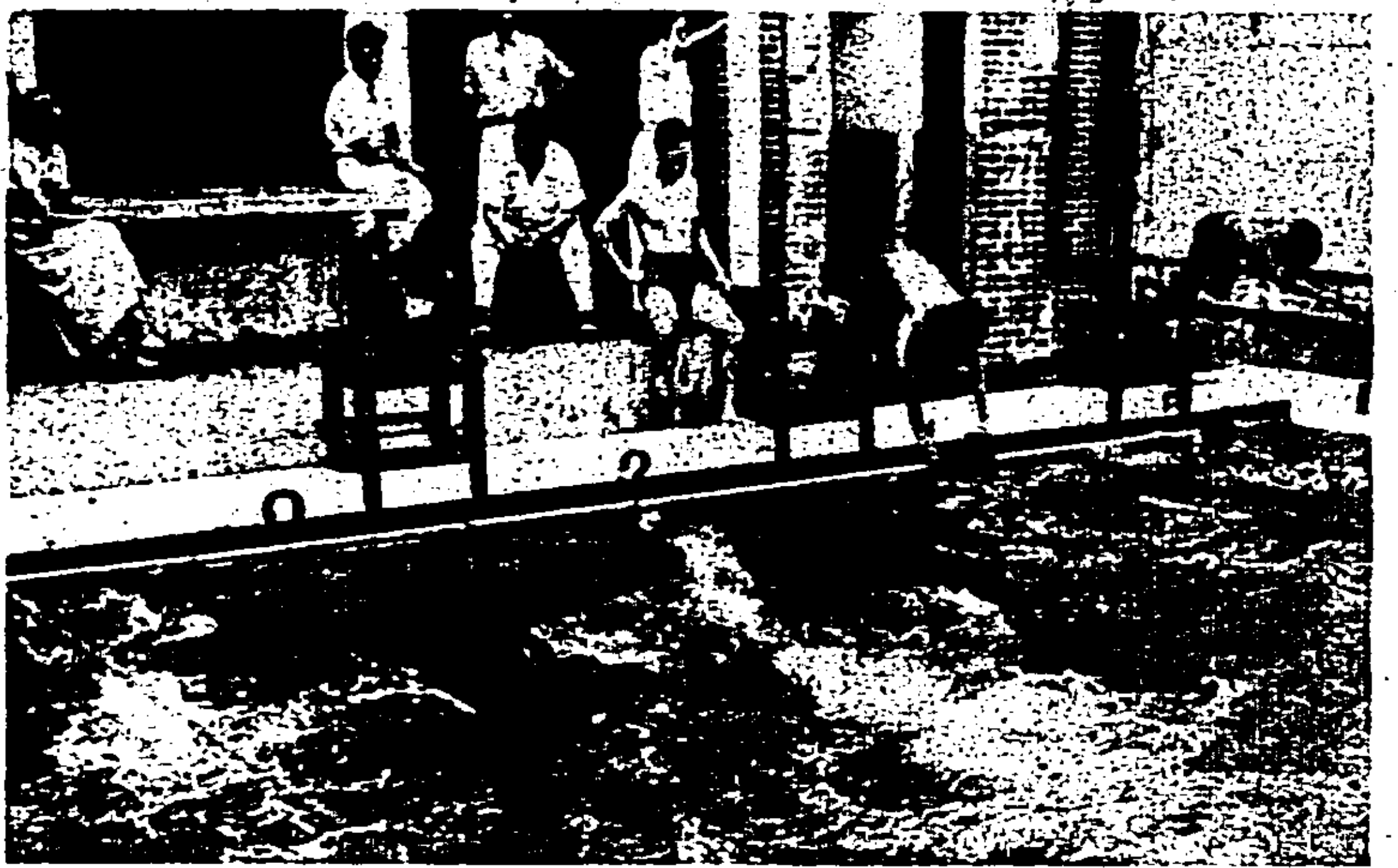
Hong Kong, like most Oriental cities, is noted for its colourful displays of sign-boards. Above, East meets West when a 1949 model car passes through Queen's Road, Central. Below, a typical Hong Kong side street. ("China Mail" photos)





Mr. J. F. Nicoll, the Colonial Secretary, with the Board of Directors and staff of the Tung Wah Hospital during his recent visit to the Hospital. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. J. F. Nicoll, the Colonial Secretary, is shown during his visit to the Tung Wah Hospital. Accompanied by the Board of Directors, Mr. Nicoll carried out a 30-minute inspection of the hospital's wards. ("China Mail" photo)



They're off with a splash! Picture shows the boys' 3 x 50 yards medley relay, one of the events in the VRC inter-members swimming finals. ("China Mail" photo)



Getting ready for the VRC 50-yard free style handicap swimming finals are three contestants. Gerry Boza-Pereira, one of the Colony's leading swimmers, is on the left. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Thomas Garner and the former Miss Taliana Sokoloff after their recent wedding at the Registrar's Office. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



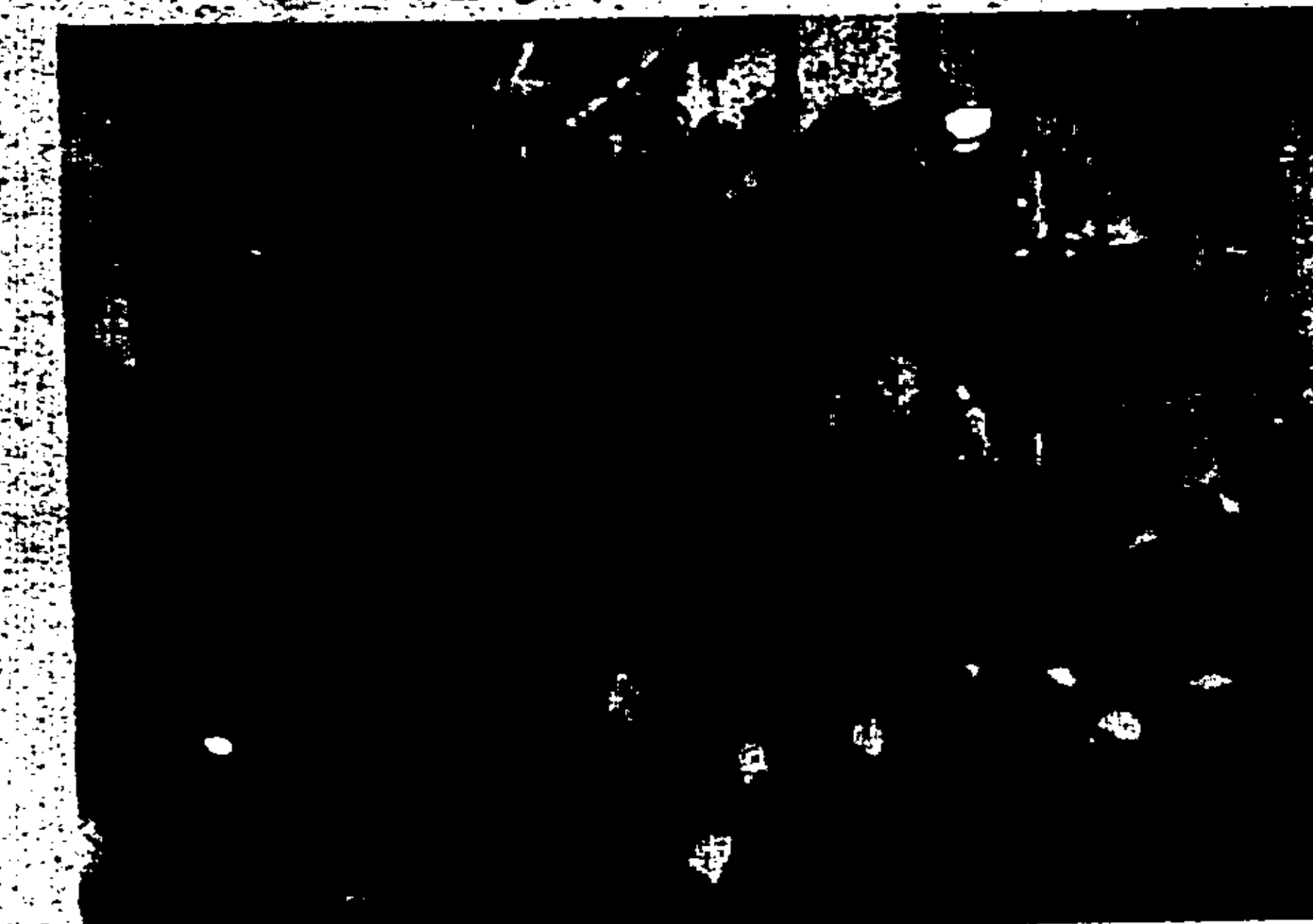




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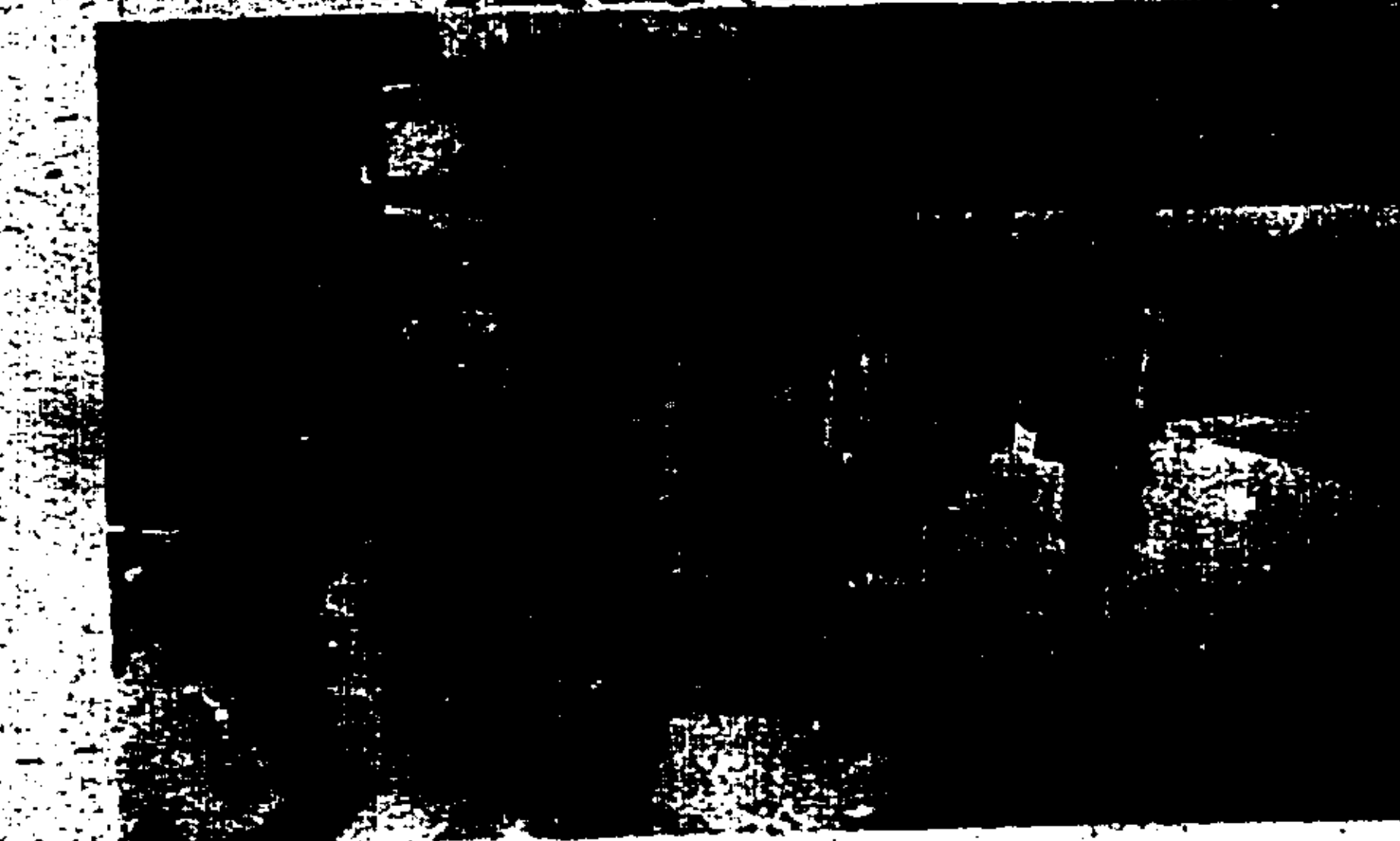


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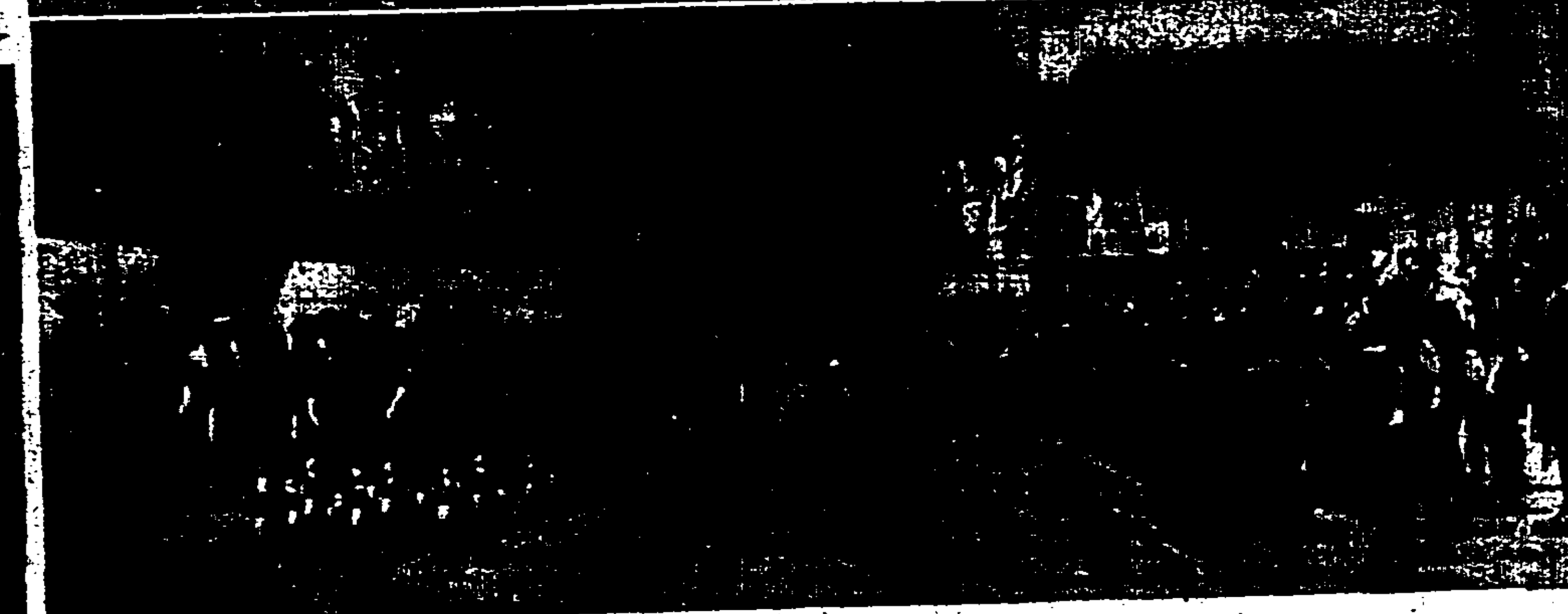


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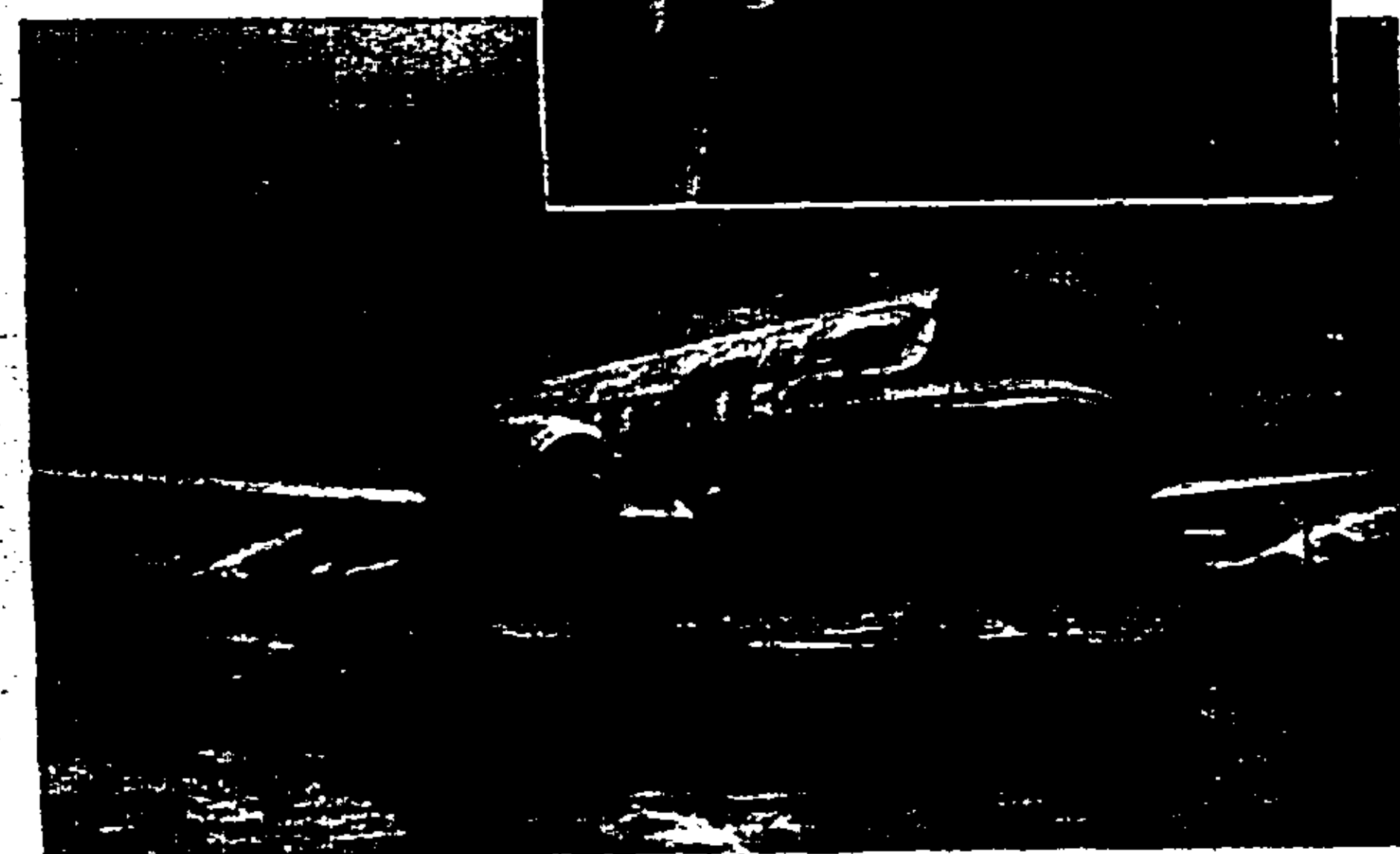
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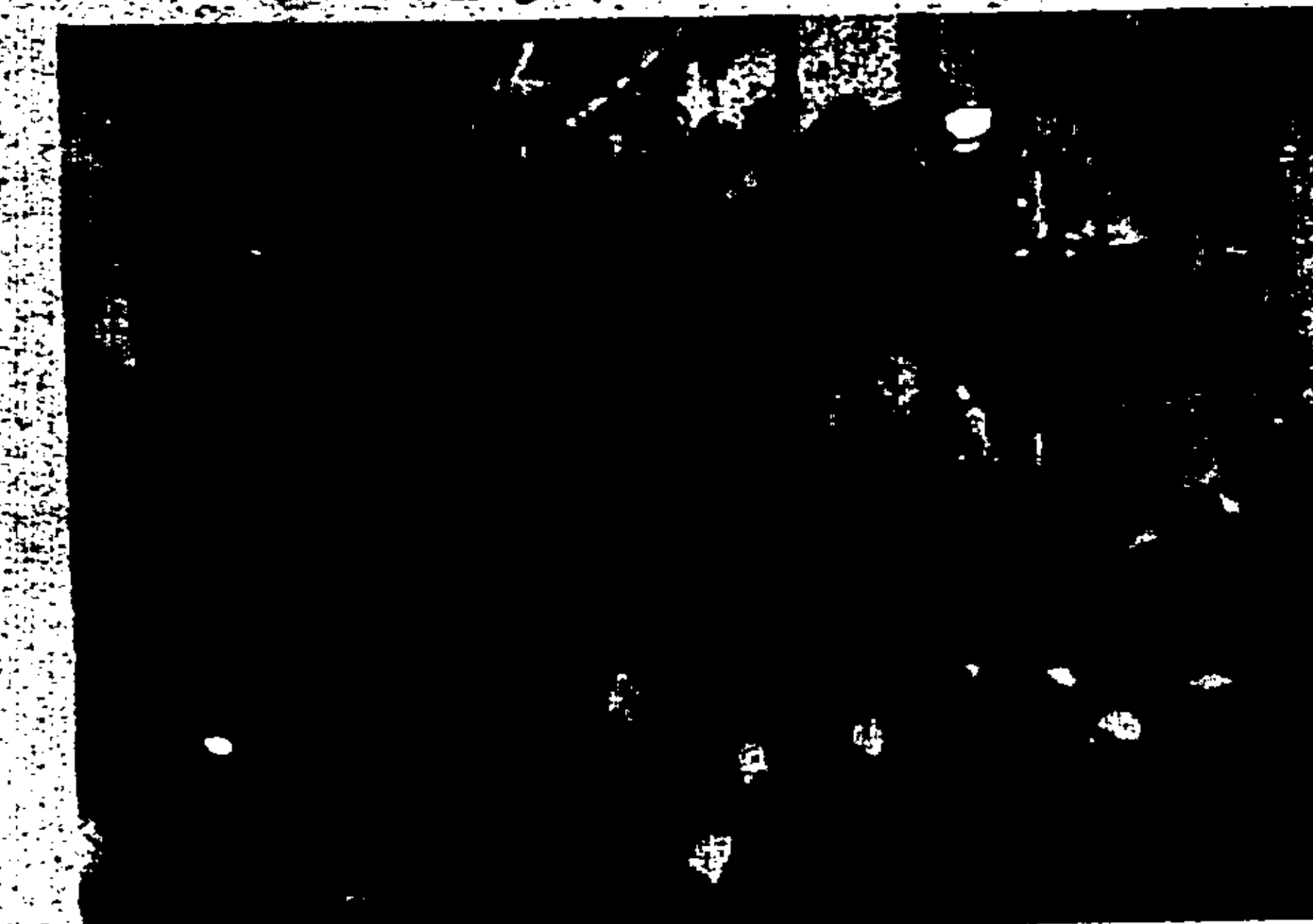




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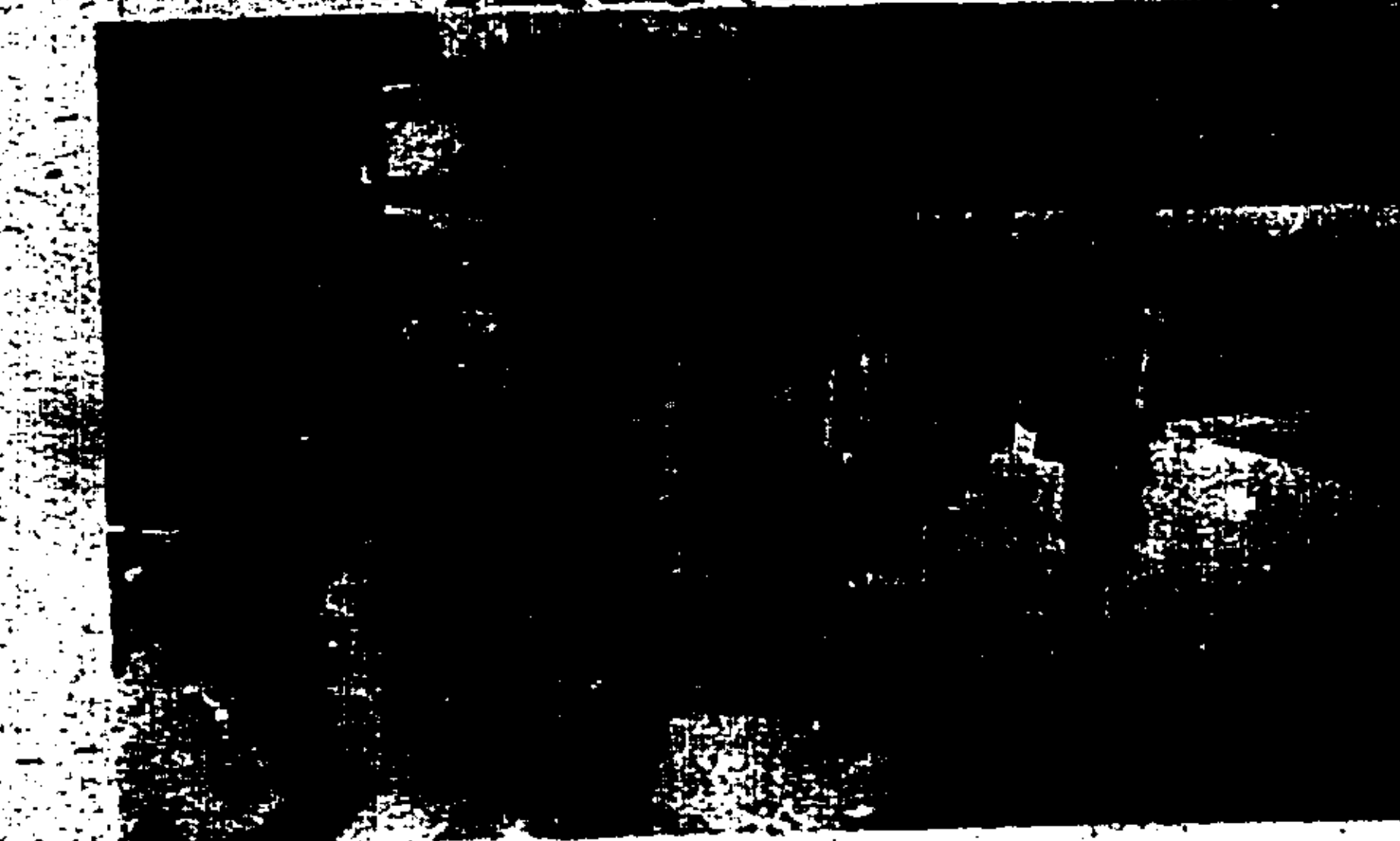


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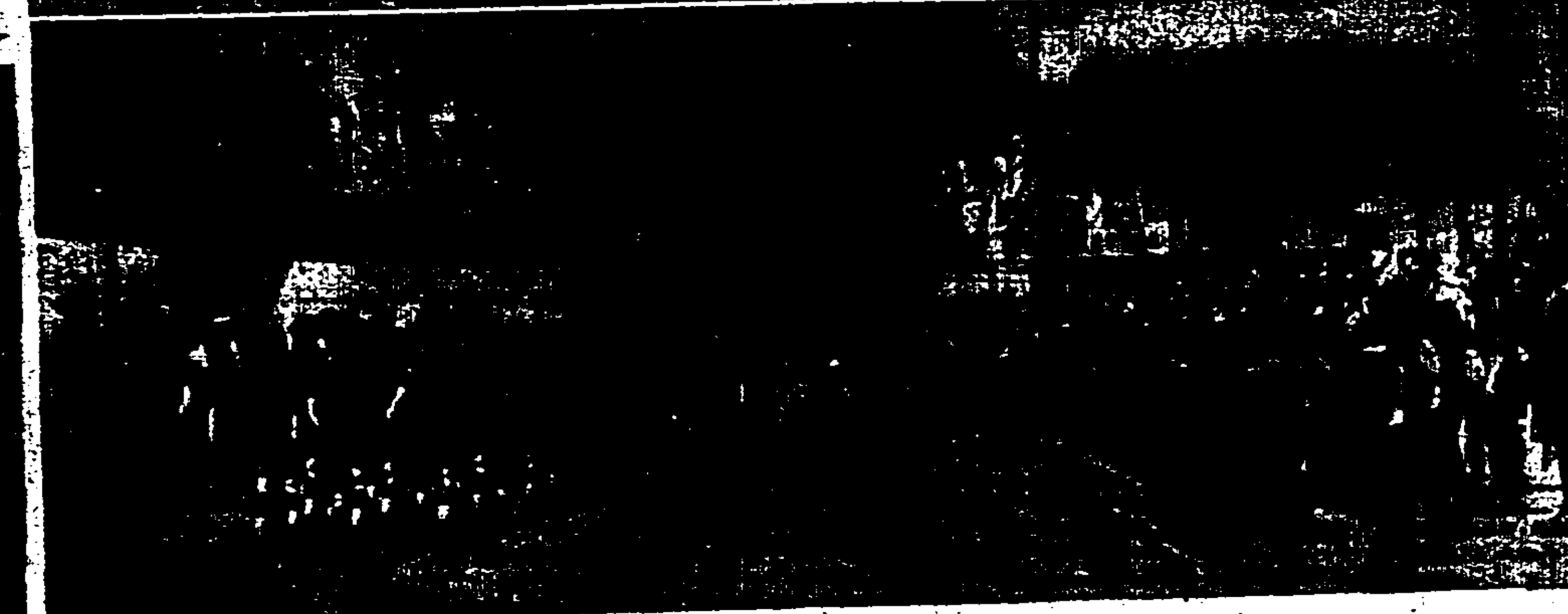


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# BIG FOUR AGREE ON TREATY FOR AUSTRIA

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### BLOCKADE AGREEMENT

Paris, June 20.

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers tonight announced that they have reached agreement on the conclusion of an Austrian peace treaty and a "live and let live" arrangement between the Occupying Powers in Germany.

On the Austrian treaty the Ministers instructed their deputies to resume work immediately to reach agreement on completing a draft peace treaty by September, 1949.

They announced that Austria's frontiers will be the same as those on January 1, 1938, that Austria will pay no reparations and that the Soviet Union will receive \$150,000,000 in convertible currency to be paid in six years.

A four-Power communique said that although the four Foreign Ministers at this meeting have been unable to reach agreement on the restoration of economic and political unity in Germany, efforts will be made to mitigate the effects of the present administrative division in the country.

## LABOUR REBELS' ACTION

London, June 21.

Four former left Wing Labour Members of Parliament, who have been expelled from the party, announced today the formation of a new group in the House of Commons.

Mr. D. N. Pritt is chairman of the new "Labour Independent Group." Its other members are Mr. John P. Mills, Mr. Kenneth Zilliacus and Mr. L. J. Solley.

Mr. Pritt was expelled from the Labour Party in March, 1940. Mr. P. Mills in April last year and Mr. Zilliacus and Mr. Solley last month.

The new group announced that it will pursue a Socialist policy, supporting the Labour Government in general, but opposing it in those fields in which it regards it as abandoning a Socialist policy and collaborating with the Conservatives.

The past activities of the four members suggest that the major attack on the Government will be in the field of foreign policy.—*Reuter.*

## MAHARAJAH TO BE CREMATED

Bombay, June 21.

The body of Maharajah Singh of Kapurthala was today taken by special plane from Bombay to his state for cremation according to Sikh rites.

The Maharajah died of pneumonia on Sunday night in the Taj Mahal Hotel. He was 70.

Ascending the throne when only five, the Maharajah was recently elected Governor of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union. A brilliant linguist and scholar, the Maharajah represented India several times at the League of Nations and was decorated by several foreign governments including those of France and Iran.—*Associated Press.*

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## MESSAGE OF JOY FOR AUSTRIANS

Vienna, June 20.

The Austrian people greeted with joy tonight the news that the Big Four Foreign Ministers have agreed on a peace treaty for their country.

Some uneasiness, however, is expressed over the exception of oil assets and Danube shipping from the clause instructing the Foreign Ministers' deputies to determine which are war booty.

Chancellor Leopold Figl described the agreement on the treaty as a "message of joy for Austria."

He thanked the Foreign Ministers for their understanding of the Austrian problem.

"Agreement on the treaty is a mighty step forward on the path of peace and liberation for the whole human race," he declared.—*Reuter.*

## Attlee's Message To Halifax

London, June 21.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said in a message to Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 20th anniversary of the city's founding: "We in the United Kingdom are happy to look back on the two centuries of association with one of the oldest British settlements in Canada."

The announcer said that the full text of the communique would not be given until the authentic text was available. Earlier in its bulletin a summary of the communique had been read.

Mr. Vladimir Pavlov, the Soviet Interpreter, was asked at the Foreign Office whether the communique is acceptable to the Russians.

He replied: "Well, it has been published."

At the final plenary session held today, after agreement had been reached on Austria and Germany, Mr. Vyshinsky raised his proposal—first made when the present conference of Foreign Ministers began—that consideration should be given to preparations for a Far Eastern peace settlement.

After some discussion the Foreign Ministers decided to continue negotiations on the question of a peace treaty with Japan through diplomatic channels.

The four-Power communique on the Austrian treaty said that agreement had been reached to re-establish Austrian frontiers as they were on January 1, 1938 (before the Anschluss) and that a treaty for Austria must provide minority rights for Croats and Slovenes.

**German Assets**  
Austria must within six years pay Russia \$150,000,000 in convertible currency, but that reparations shall not be exacted from her.

Yugoslavia, however, shall have full rights to seize or liquidate Austrian property within Yugoslav borders.

Austria is to get all property rights or interests claimed as German war assets, and immovable property claimed by the Allies as war booty, with the provision that the Foreign Ministers' deputies more clearly define what is meant by war booty.

Oil assets and Danube Shipping Company properties claimed by Russia—and subject to further negotiations among the four Powers—are to be transferred to Russia without charges or claims, and these shall not be subject to alienation without the consent of Moscow.

The deputies are to resume work on an Austrian treaty. They are instructed to reach agreement on a draft not later than September 1, this year.

The plenary session of today's conference ended with handshakes all round.

After this, Mr. Bevin proposed: "Let's go and have a drink."

The Ministers then went to the Rose Palace buffet and had one drink each.—*Reuter.*

## BERLIN BREATHES SIGH OF RELIEF OVER AGREEMENT

Berlin, June 20.

Berliners breathed a sigh of relief tonight when they learned that the Big Four Foreign Ministers had reached some measure of agreement and that there is to be no return of the blockade.

There is some regret that a free passage between Berlin and the Western zones has not been agreed but Berliners express pleasure that inter-zonal trade talks will continue.

Karl Hubert Schwennicke, Chairman of the Free Democratic Party in Berlin, said: "We must be glad that something, however small, came out of the conference. That means that the position is not absolutely hopeless."

One Western Allied official suggested that the Western Occupation authorities might find a way out of the apparently insoluble Berlin railway strike by taking advantage of Paragraph 5 of the Paris communique, which said: "The Occupation authorities, each in his own zone, will have an obligation to take the measures necessary to ensure the normal functioning and utilization of rail, water and road transport."

Under this clause the Western authorities might order the strikers back to work, he said.

Other officials, judging only from the published text think that the clause has no relation to Berlin, and was inserted to prevent a re-imposition of the blockade or counter-blockade by pleading technical difficulties.

General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor in Germany, will fly to London tomorrow for consultations at the Foreign Office.

General Robertson is expected to return to Berlin on Sunday. Last Friday the General returned to Germany from Paris where he had been attending the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

An official British announcement said: "General Robertson will maintain contact with German affairs from his London office and is expected to be engaged on routine consultations at the Foreign Office during the week."

## Exchange Issue

Armed West-sector German police today dispersed a crowd of Berlin professional men, including doctors, dentists and lawyers, who invaded the City Hall, headquarters of the Western City Administration, demanding a fair rate of exchange for their East-mark incomes.

Ten demonstrators were detained and a police guard was placed on the City Hall.

The demonstrators, numbering between 600 and 1,000, work in the East sector but live in the Western sectors.

The Western City Administration has recently been discussing the possible allocation of funds to exchange at par a certain proportion of East-mark earnings of professional and intellectual workers.

The exchange was introduced for some other categories of workers after the West-mark was introduced as the sole legal currency in Western Berlin in March.

The West German Premiers appealed in the telegram to the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris to reach a joint decision to free German prisoners of war still in the Soviet Union.

They expressed their regret that the Soviet Union had rejected notes from the United States and Britain urging the release of the remaining German prisoners.

It is in contrast to the law and principles of humanity to hold prisoners long after the end of the war, the telegram said.—*Reuter.*

## AMERICAN POLICY NEEDS

Colorado Springs, June 21.

The United States can not have a "fair weather foreign policy," to be abandoned or watered down when the going gets rough.

Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, former United States Ambassador in Moscow, declared so here today.

Addressing a conference of United States Governors, he said that any sign of vacillation or indecision will discourage America's friends and strengthen the Communist belief that they had only to keep up the pressure until the U.S. grows tired and gives up the struggle.

Lieutenant-General Bedell Smith spoke of the advantage to the United States of having strong and loyal friends on the continent of Europe.

He added: "In the event of war, these advantages are greatly increased if our associates in Europe are able to maintain their position until we are able to join our forces with theirs on the continent."

The General declared that the aggressive policies of the Soviet Union can be modified if they are confronted with firm resistance, backed with a recognisable force.—*Reuter.*

## POLE ON TRIAL FOR TREASON

Warsaw, June 21.

M. Adam Doboszynski, a former Polish Fascist organizer and now a defendant in Poland's biggest spy trial since the end of the war, was accused today of sending reports to German agents while he was in London and Paris during the war.

M. Doboszynski, who fled to Portugal in 1944, also alleged that in 1944 he contacted the Chief of the American Intelligence Service.

After illegally returning to Poland after the war, it charged, he organized nationalistic propaganda against the new Polish State, seeking the help of Catholic leaders and priests.—*Reuter.*

## Italo-Danish Trade Treaty

Rome, June 21.

Italy and Denmark today signed a new commercial treaty providing for an exchange of over 125,000,000 kroner worth of goods during 1948-50.

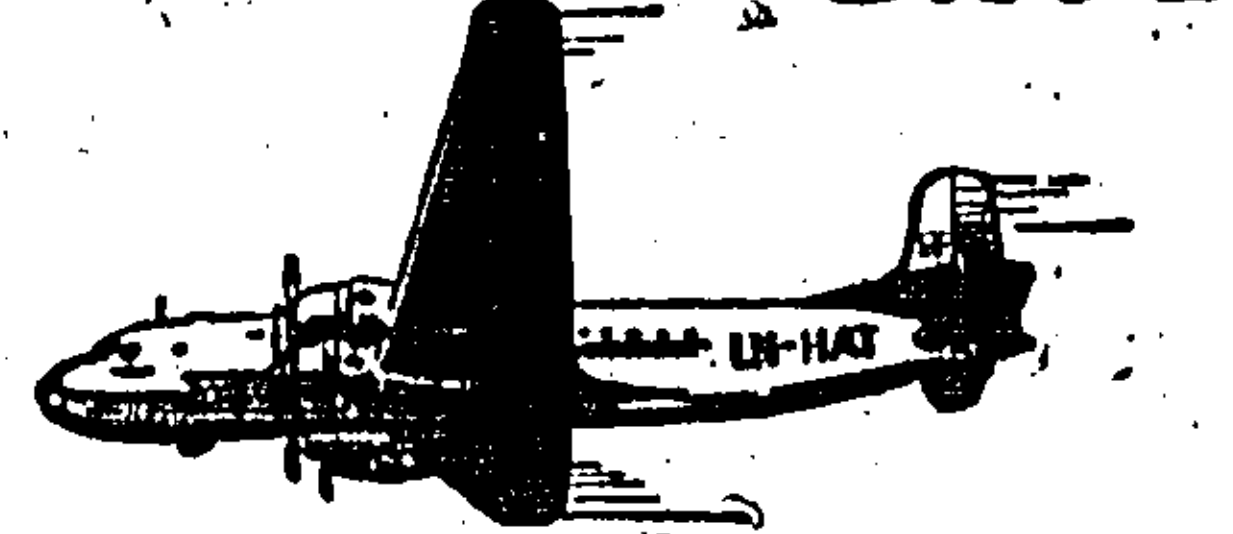
Italy will send Denmark wines, textiles, agricultural products and mechanical equipment in exchange for Danish cattle, agricultural products, finished goods and 40,000,000 kroner worth of fish.

The agreement was signed at the Italian Foreign Ministry by the Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza and the Danish Minister in Italy, Dr. Otto Carl Mohr.—*Reuter.*

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# WASHINGTON CONCERN OVER SETBACK IN UK

## REBELS' ATTACKS REPELLED

Rangoon, June 21. The Burmese Army announced that renegade White Band PVO (People's Volunteer Organisation) forces launched twin attacks on Government patrols at the oilfield of Chuk and the forest centre of Kyauk, both of which are at the main oil centre of Yenangyura.

Both attacks were beaten off after gun battles, and the situation in Yenangyura is normal again, the Army declared. A three-point attack by Government forces led by tanks and armoured cars against Karen rebels captured a strategic road bridge at Kawa about 30 miles North of Rangoon, the communiqué said.

Government forces have attacked a rebel stronghold in the South East district of Amherst, killing 15 rebels after a three-hour battle.

Following up the attack, Government planes bombed the stronghold, scoring direct hits. A civilian communiqué announced that rebel groups have been located in the Shan state of Taungtha—Associated Press.

## IRO CHIEF'S RESIGNATION

Geneva, June 20. William Halloran Tuck, American Director-General of the International Refugee Organisation, has submitted his resignation. He explained that he thinks that the organisation should now be better served by a chief whose outlook will not be conditioned by previous action.

His resignation will be considered by the organisation's nine-member Executive Committee on June 28.

In its two years of existence, the organisation has found homes for over 500,000 displaced persons and refugees.—Reuter.

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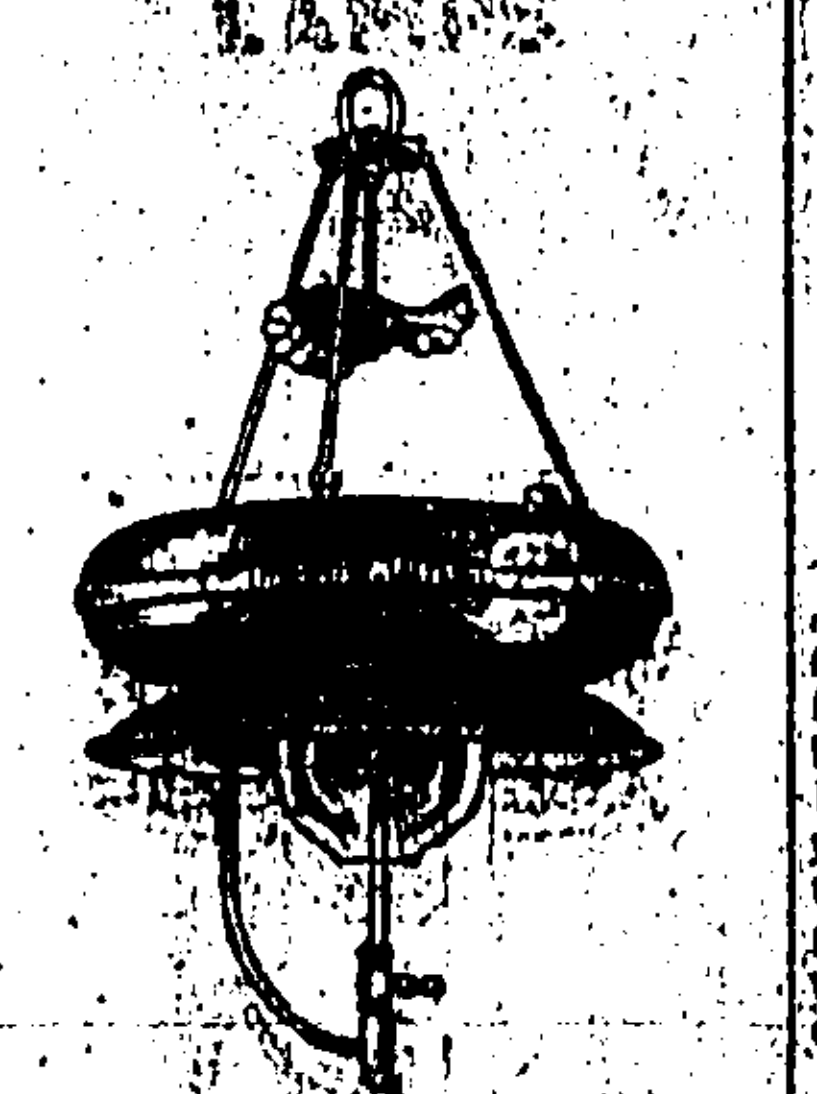


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## Apparent Slipping Of Recovery Effort

Washington, June 20.

Government officials are keeping a close eye on Britain for an indication of the effect that current reported economic setbacks there may have on the rest of Europe.

Some experts are concerned that if the present apparent slipping of British recovery effort continues, it may have damaging effects on the situation of her continental neighbours. These nations still possess strong ties with the United Kingdom's financial and commercial system, despite post-war changes in their traditional economic relationships.

Information received here so far is largely limited to a description of symptoms currently being displayed by British economy, and rising export prices. There has been comparatively little discussion of the causes underlying these symptoms beyond the repeated statement that the British pound is overvalued and must be adjusted downwards if the exports are to continue at the high level necessary to sustain United Kingdom recovery. There are also cogent counter-arguments denying this is the case. However, most of the aspects of the situation are so technical that even relatively well-informed Americans are not inclined to follow them in detail.

What has caught the public eye in the United States is the appearance of words such as "slump" and "depression" in headlines with relation to Britain, and it is assumed the same tone on the Continent. That even seasoned businessmen are not immune to the power of suggestion is apparent in a flow of press reports that some importers of British products are holding up their orders to see whether a cheaper pound sterling may become available.

It is suggested in official quarters here that whether or not the pessimistic reports arriving from Britain are justified, the widespread publicity accorded them may tend to aggravate the situation in some respects. There is also some feeling that anti-Government opinion in Britain might not be reluctant at being afforded a chance to point out to the public here and abroad, what it may consider new proofs of contention that a change is needed.

### A Symbol

Most informed sources here concede that this is legitimate, provided that the patient is not made sicker by too enthusiastic descriptions of the disease.

This is considered in authoritative circles here as being particularly important with respect to the possible reaction in Continental Europe. It is pointed out that during the post-war years, Britain has become a worldwide symbol of self-denial and discipline. United States spokesmen have frequently drawn attention to the British "austerity" programme as an example of the type of conduct necessary if recovery is to be achieved, and it is generally acknowledged that certain other governments have fallen somewhat short of British standards in this respect.

However, if Europe should, during the coming months, be confronted with the unpleasant fact that these sacrifices are unavailing, it is contended that the effect on public morale might be serious.

New British difficulties might also revive the past criticism which have been voiced in circles close to ECA that the economic policies of Sir Stafford Cripps are inflexible to the General European Recovery and Reconstruction programme in character. A possible effect of this foreseen here, is the weakening of the European strug-

gle toward economic unity which the ECA Administrator, Paul Hoffman, and other United States officials here consider of great importance. From the viewpoint of the United States, as well as the world generally, the British slump comes at a difficult time.

### U.S. Concerned

For one thing, the United States itself is facing a period of economic slowdown which has many domestic economists concerned. There are press reports that President Truman's Council of Economic Advisors has prepared a new private report warning of this, and urging that some degree of Federal Government deficit be accepted as preferable to an increase in taxes which would draw new money out of the business system and possibly contribute to a recession. However, so far it appears that Mr. Truman himself still feels higher taxes should be imposed to balance the United States budget.

Faced with this situation, the United States business community is looking more and more eagerly toward new export markets which will absorb their surplus production as the domestic demand lags.

It is felt that this may have the effect of bringing the United States into competition with foreign markets with Britain, as well as other European nations at a particularly unfavorable time.

An example of this at hand is the concern being voiced in some United States circles as to the effect the new British-Argentine trade agreement may be expected to have on American economy. Fears are being expressed here by unofficial persons that Britain may try to encourage Argentina further away from the dollar area and into a re-orientation toward Europe as a source of supply.

But, informed quarters point out, any United States protest against British initiative to capture Latin-American, as well as other world markets, would be widely considered in questionable taste in view of consistent American encouragement of European programmes as vital to recovery—and particularly viewed in the light of her current trade difficulties.

### Effect On Europe

Comments also have been made in official quarters here that a British crisis might have unfortunate political results in Europe, where the Communists have long been preaching that the free enterprise system, cannot compete successfully in the marketplace.

The point has been made that current Russian peace feelers toward the West may be based on the theory that time is now on Russia's side, and that the Western economic debacle will help the Communist cause more than further outright aggression.

But, informed quarters here contend, a British economic lapse could hardly be portrayed by the Communists as a failure of the free enterprise system, in view of the extensive experiments in Socialist type control which have been operative there since shortly after the war.—United Press.

## Disastrous Floods In Turkey

Ankara, June 20. Forty are reported to have been drowned and 30 injured during 10 hours of torrential rains which flooded the North Anatolia town of Tokat.

The flooding has rendered 5,000 people homeless and submerged thousands of acres of cultivated land, but the exact losses have not yet been ascertained.

In the United States, the flooded Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers receded today and revealed the bodies of nine people drowned in the rain-swept area during the week-end.

Damage from the flood may run into millions of dollars, one official said. The health authorities have begun a programme of inoculations against the threat of infection from the flood-polluted water.—Reuter.

## Truman's Plan For Recovery

Geneva, June 20.

Mr. Herbert R. O'Connor, United States Senator, told the 61-nation International Labour Organisation's conference here today that President Truman's four-point plan for aid to under-developed countries may well become a major factor in United States foreign policy.

He was speaking at the States Government representative at the conference which also includes workers and employers' representatives.

"The benefits of scientific advances in the United States and its exceptional industrial know-how" would be generously distributed.

Industrial and farm workers would be the principal beneficiaries of the programme, inaugurated by the Government and fulfilled by private enterprise in co-operation with Government agencies.

"We commend this proposal enthusiastically, realising that its cost will not be insignificant when compared with the results to be achieved."

"On economic grounds alone and regardless of the humanitarian aspects of such a vast undertaking, the relatively small investment required initially and the later participation of normal enterprise on a reasonable risk and profit motive basis would seem to be well justified," he asserted.—Reuter.

## Communist Failure In India

Nagpur, June 20.

Pandit D.P. Mishra, the Home Minister of the Central Provinces, declared today that an attempt by the Communist Party of India to tamper with the loyalty of Government servants, especially the police, has proved abortive.

Pandit Mishra, denouncing the fitting of the ban on meetings and processions enforced in many cities of the province for the past year, cited a circular issued in the province by the Communist Party, dated February 22, 1949, stating that, the police and military authorities should be approached and incited to support the Communists in their struggle.

The Minister declared that two documents, which were seized from prominent members of the Communist Party provide a mass of evidence to prove the party owes allegiance to a foreign country, is unscrupulous, is a secret organisation, and believes in violence or in revolt, or in the creation of chaos exploiting any discontent, real or imaginary.—Reuter.

## "NO HARVESTING" ORDER GIVEN ITALIAN FARMERS

Rome, June 20.

Italy's five-week-old farm strike today directly threatened the nation's grain harvest, when workers in the two major grain areas were called on to cease gathering the crop.

The "no harvesting" order was given by the "Confederterra," a section of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, which represents all types of agricultural workers.

The call, addressed to harvesters in the Po Valley in the North and Puglia in the South, followed a week-end breakdown of the peace talks between the landowners and striking day labourers.

The crop is expected to be one of the best since the war.

Official circles regard the harvest threat as presenting a grave problem. Measures to counter this move, and, if possible, to end the whole farm strike, are to be discussed at a special Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

The loss of any considerable part of the grain crop will have serious effects on Italy's recovery programme in the coming months, at a time when the country is becoming increasingly independent of imported wheat and flour.

The strike has already been mentioned in the Italian Parliament, where Signor Giuseppe Di Vittorio, the Communist Secretary-General of the General Confederation of Labour, announced plans to attempt to meet the farm workers' grievances.

The week-end breakdown of the peace talks is the second such interruption. The day labourers are demanding a national wage contract, cost of living bonuses and more regular work.

### Firm Action

At tomorrow's Cabinet meeting the Minister of the Interior, Signor Mario Scelba, will report on the continued violence which is marking the strike in many areas and has resulted in seven deaths so far.

Firm action may be decided on in view of the serious economic repercussions which may arise.

Today's move to extend the farm strike coincided with an intensification of the four-day old seamen's strike in Italy's North Eastern ports, which began in Genoa and has now spread to Savona.

The 24,500-ton Italian transatlantic liner Saturnia is still docked-bound in Genoa today, already more than behind her schedule. Some of her 600 passengers are living on board and getting their meals ashore, but many others have sought alternative accommodation on foreign-owned ships.—Reuter.

## GOLD STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, June 20.

Two prospectors, working their own mine far out in the Australian wilderness, claimed today to have brought up an ore that assays more than 100 ounces of gold per ton in what may be Australia's richest gold strike.

The ore was taken from a 135-foot level of the "White" mine at Telford Creek in almost the exact geographical centre of the continent.

One of the two men working in the mine is Ken Stuart, who discovered the moderately rich "Hammerjack" mine five years ago. Hammerjack netted him £10,000 in three years but he lost the money and went back to prospecting. He described the "White" find as the "richest dirt I have ever seen."—United Press.

## Chinese Nabbed In Philippines

Manila, June 20.

Seventeen Chinese nationals have been arrested by a Constabulary patrol after they had apparently landed illegally on the Luzon-Northern coast near the municipality of Panay.

They were taken to the provincial capital at Iloilo for questioning. Some of them were found to possess American and Philippine currency.

Local Chinese merchants, contrary to their former practice, refused to aid the newcomers who are at present lodged in the provincial jail.

The President of the local Chinese Association is reported to have said that the arrested men should be condemned.—Reuter.



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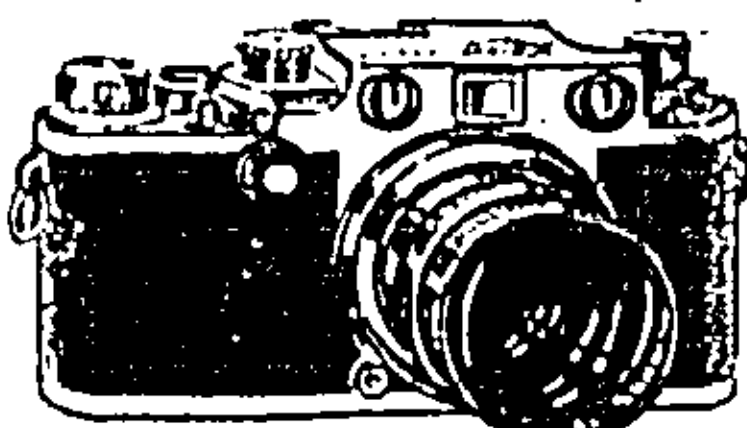
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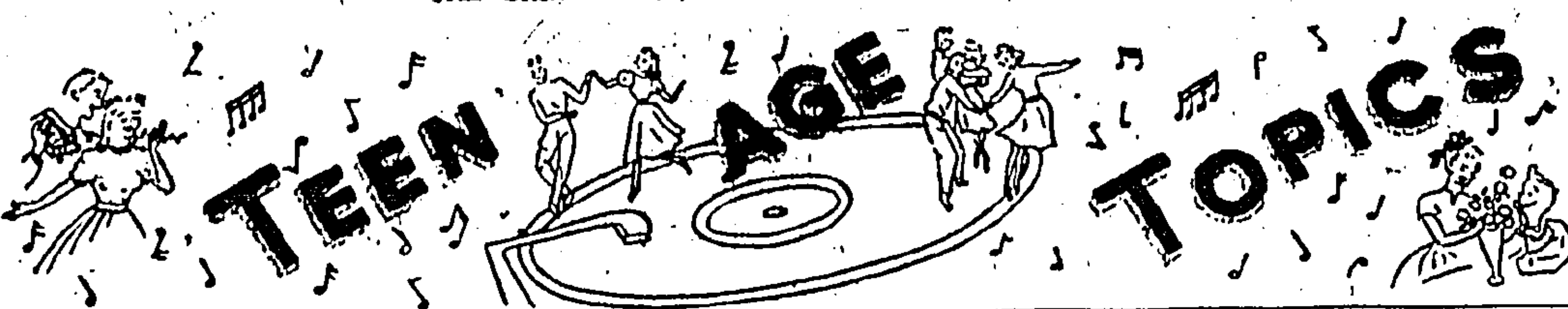
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## Platter Chatter

(By THE WREN)

Announcing the arrival of a large consignment,  
Libent sent me a stack of records for review.  
Collectors of Crosbyana will be able to obtain  
any of Bing's albums issued in the last ten  
years. These range from the sublime to the  
silly. From religious songs and tales for chil-  
dren to patriotic flag-waving.

A good number of singles are also available but a  
review of these reprints would be superfluous  
as, with few exceptions, these records have  
been heard time and again over the wireless.

One of the least heard is the  
excellent jazz singing of Bing  
and the Andrews Sisters in Is  
You Is Or Is You Ain't My  
Baby. The buyer of this plat-  
ter would have to spend \$4.50  
for only one side as the coup-  
pling is the jingoistic Hot Time  
In The Town Of Berlin.

Almost any baritone with a good  
set of tonsils can sound like Bing  
for a couple of bars in the mid-  
dle register. This is demon-  
strably true of Dean Martin's  
Powder Your Face With Sunshine  
and Absence Makes The Heart  
Grow Fonder.

Jo Stafford sounds more nasal  
than usual on two slow numbers  
thoroughly unsuited to her style.  
They are, Funny Little Money  
Man and These Will Be The Best  
Years Of Our Lives.

## Dinning Sisters

The Dinning Sisters record  
Harlem Sandman heard on teen  
time is backed with Oh! Mo' Nahi!  
Blum Blum I Wonder Who I  
Am is another puzzling effort of  
Peggy Lee and her husband to  
find a follow-up to their success-  
ful novelty Manana. It should  
do well on Children's Hour. The  
rave notices in the American press  
of this Dixieland piece convinces  
me that this is a great year for corn.

Kay Starr saves the day for  
the Capitol female singers with  
her fine chirping of So Tired.  
She injects good jazz feeling on  
the reverse, Steady Daddy, ably  
supported by Red Norvo, vibes;  
Arnold Ross, piano and Jack  
Marshall, guitar.

## For Hot Fans

A SONG IS BORN: This al-  
bum by the "Giants of Jazz" is  
the most worthwhile one of the  
year for the hot fan. First  
two sides feature the en-  
tire company including the  
Golden Gate Quartette, Jari Sul-  
livan (singing for the Virginians,  
Mayo), The Brazilians, Benny  
Goodman, Charlie Barnet, Tommy  
Dorsey, Louis Armstrong and Mel  
Powell.

The famous Dixieland piece  
Muskrat Ramble is well inter-  
preted by Mel Powell, Frank  
Carlson, Herb Berman, Gus  
Bivona, Don Lodice, Clyde Hurley  
and Lou McGarity.

Stealin' Apples, an old "Fats"  
Waller composition is given a be-  
hop treatment with Benny Good-  
man in the spotlight.  
The excellent alto saxophone of  
Charlie Barnet is the feature of  
Redskin Rumba and one won-  
ders which came first Redskin or  
My Guy's Come Back.

The Page Cavanaugh Trio ap-  
pear on the novelty Daddy-O with  
Jari Sullivan. This number is a  
typical rhythm song well done.  
Personally I would have liked to  
hear more by the Golden Gate

Quartette and their Walls of  
Jehrico should have been in-  
cluded. Profits from the sales of  
this album go to charity and the  
artists accept no remuneration for  
their work.

## Cocktail Capers

The other album I recommend  
is Cocktail Capers by the Art Van  
Damme Quintette. Accordion,  
Vibes, Piano, Guitar, Bass and  
Rhythm are happily blended in a  
cocktail containing Dark Eyes;  
I've Got You Under My Skin; The  
Breeze and I; Meadowland; Lover  
and If I Had You. Art's accordion  
virtuosity and the skill of his crew  
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ment.

## Teen Favourite

A quarter of a century ago, Al  
Jolson was the teen agers fa-  
vorite. Al is still singing as well  
as ever and he combines his  
unique style with that of the Mills  
Brothers to give us Down Among  
the Sheltering Palms and Is It  
True What They Say About  
Dixie?

Indubitably, the best Mills  
Brothers platter since Paper Doll  
is Gloria coupled with I Want To  
Be the Only One.

I have heard a good deal of  
favorable comment of Jimmy  
Luncheon's The Honeydripper  
with vocal assist by the Delta  
Rhythm Boys. The disc is dis-  
appointing and I am not at all  
impressed by it.

No Orchids For My Lady also  
received critical acclaim but it is  
just another ink Spots record. I  
prefer the less noticed other side,  
Bowdlered.

Collectors of jazz styles and  
trends will be interested in Ella  
Fitzgerald's S-h-l-n-e and Dark-  
town Strutters' Ball.

Time and space do not permit  
my reviewing the Stan Kenton  
Album. Encores, comprising  
Chorus for Brass, Piano and  
Bongos; Abstraction; Sonnam-  
bullism; Capitol Punishment; He's  
Funny That Way and Peg O' My  
Heart.

I am not certain if my readers  
would be interested in my  
opinions of Kentonia and it may  
be just too much waste of space.  
Please write in.

Correspondence: More letters  
have been received last week than  
I can possibly answer in these  
columns and I will be replying  
direct to the senders.

## Pen Friend

A Topics' reader, W. K. Yan  
introduces his pen friend who, he  
says, is anxious to have more pen  
friends in Hong Kong.  
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## Personality

One teen ager who doesn't think  
very much about Hollywood and  
its people, no matter how glamor-  
ous and dashing they be, is among  
us. She is Helen Shim and she  
tells why:

"I was at the Copacabana in  
New York one evening and to my  
delight then, Ann Sheridan was  
seated in a table near me."

"With high ideas about actors  
then," she continued, "I up-  
proached Miss Sheridan and  
timidly asked for her autograph.  
She obliged, but without so much  
as even a look at me or a forced  
smile; with a coldness that made  
me shiver although I thanked her  
afterwards, feeling more stupid—  
that incident shattered all my  
illusions about Hollywood," she  
said.

Helen then told of her visit to  
a movie set but "I made sure that  
I kept at a safe distance from  
them," she added.  
Helen, aged 17, was Hong Kong  
born. In 1937 her family moved to  
Honolulu where she studied in  
St. Andrew's Priory for four  
years, learning the hula art in  
between.

Her war years were spent in  
the United States, continuing her



HELEN SHIM

schooling in Brewster High in  
New York. Helen returned to  
Hong Kong after the war, matri-  
culating this year.

While in the U.S. Helen took  
ballet lessons also in Danbury,  
Connecticut and can play the  
piano "by ear."

She is learning shorthand and  
typing at present but will be re-  
turning to the United States to  
study public speaking and English  
in College.

## Ideas For A Ball

In the Teen Age section of the Australian magazine,  
"Woman," readers sent in to Sally Blake,  
Editor of the column, many suggestions about  
organising a ball with an old time, barn dance  
flavour.

Miss Blake selected three which  
she adjudged as the most in-  
teresting description which she  
printed in her column and which  
are reproduced here.

From Doreen Cochrane, aged  
15, of Old Marston, via Boonah,  
Queensland comes this:  
"My suggestion is a Hillbilly  
Ball. Each person dresses up as  
a hillbilly and a prize (it need  
not be expensive) is awarded to  
the best dressed."

"The ball room could be de-  
corated with pictures or drawings  
of cowboys and six-shooters, with  
real guitars, laments, sombreros or  
anything else that suggests wide  
open spaces.

"It would be a good idea, if  
possible, to have an orchestra of  
guitars, banjos and mouth organs  
to supply appropriate dance music  
—and supper served outside round  
a fire."

The second was Enid Kramer,  
aged 18, of "Reedy" Trundle,  
NSW. This is what she says:  
"What about having an Austral-  
ian Ball? Decorate the stage  
with large branches of gum leaves  
and sit toy kangaroos in the forks;  
toy kangaroos could also be  
placed around the floor.

"Make boomerangs and shields  
out of cardboard and paint the  
shields—which should be oval  
in red, white and black paint.

"Real boomerangs made of wood  
would be perfect, crossed and  
hung round the walls, and Aus-  
tralian flags could be used for fur-  
ther decoration.

"The supper table could be  
decorated with Australian flowers  
and gum leaves."

Alma Johnson, aged 16, of 97  
Broome Street, Cottesloe, WA, has  
this to suggest.

"A Barn Dance will appeal to  
everybody. A large cardboard  
cow is placed outside the door and  
the floor is sprinkled with hay or  
straw.

"A small bundle of hay could  
be stacked in each corner as well.  
Hurricane lamps are hung round  
the walls—no other lighting is  
used.

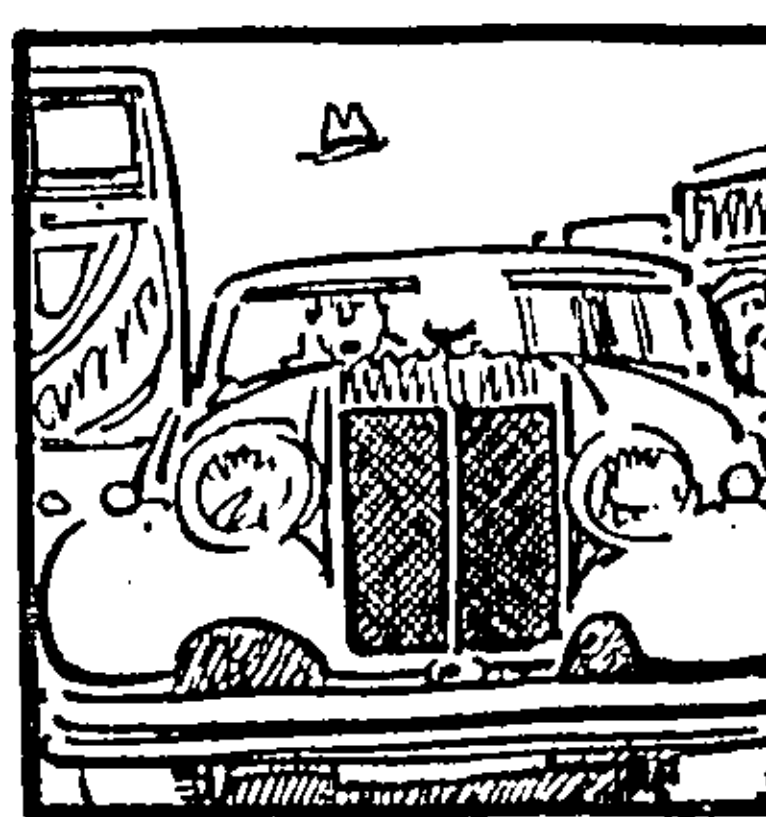
"The invitations are hand-  
written on scrap paper with a  
post-script to say old clothes and  
a straw hat will be worn.

"Supper consists of home-made  
scones, hard-boiled eggs, pieces  
of duck and chicken (rabbit will  
substitute) and ginger beer, and,  
of course, old-time dances are  
chosen."

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suggestions could be applied to  
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It is believed in Paris that until the fighting dies, effective power will remain in the hands of the French military leaders on the spot.

The Vietnam Government of Bao Dai will have diplomatic representation in China, Siam, the Holy See and perhaps India.

The agreement includes the text of the letters exchanged on March 8, 1949 between Emperor Bao Dai and Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic.

The agreement establishes Vietnamese unity, the limits and the conditions of its diplomatic representation and in its internal autonomy. It also sets up the principles of its judicial organization, and outlines the future economic and financial relations between the two countries.

The French Government, acting upon Vietnam's request, could ask for the opening of Vietnamese consulates in foreign countries where Vietnam has particular interests.

Vietnam will have its national army financed by the budget of its Government. As a contribution to the defence of the French Union, the Army of that Union will be stationed in Vietnam with bases and garrisons.

French instructors and technical assistants will be put at Vietnam's disposal. Vietnam will have judicial rights in civil, criminal and commercial courts. Joint courts will handle cases involving citizens of the French Union.

The composition and functioning of such courts will be the object of a judicial convention added to the agreement.

France will be allowed to open public and private schools, but courses in Vietnamese history and civilisation will be compulsory.

In the economic field, French citizens and citizens of the French Union will have the same rights to establish themselves as Vietnamese citizens have in France.

The Vietnamese Government will be sovereign in the administration of its finances and Vietnam will be united with other Indo-Chinese states for its currency.

The Indo-Chinese plastre will be included in the franc bloc.—Associated Press.

#### NEW AMBASSADOR

London, June 20. Mr. Alfred Gardner, Counselor at the Foreign Office here, has been appointed Ambassador at Kabul in succession to Sir Giles Squire. Sir Giles Squire was appointed Minister to Afghanistan in 1940 and his status was raised to that of an Ambassador in 1948.

Mr. Gardner joined the Consular Service in 1920 and served in South Persia, Morocco, and the United States. In June, 1941, he was appointed Political Officer during the Syrian campaign.—Reuter.

## TRUMAN INTEREST IN KOREA

Washington, June 21. President Truman showed interest today in speedy congressional action on his proposal to set up a "little Marshall plan" for the Republic of Korea.

He conferred with ranking Democratic and Republican members of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee on his request for \$150,000,000 to promote economic recovery in South Korea.

Korea has been getting some aid on a relief basis from the Economic Co-operation Administration since January.

But ECA help will be exhausted on July 1.

Representative Richards, South Carolina Democrat, said the President feels aid to Korea is very important to the whole world and that the U.S. must help sustain the position of the Korean Republic Government.—Associated Press.

#### THE SHANGHAI-SUMATRA RUBBER ESTATES, LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hong Kong)

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sixteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at the Board Room, South China Morning Post Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 14th July, 1949, at 12 noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the period ended 31st October, 1948 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect a Director and confirm the appointment of a Director.
3. To fix Directors Fees.
4. To elect Auditors.
5. To transact any other business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th July to 14th July, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN,  
General Agents.

Hong Kong, June 18, 1949.

#### THE SHANGHAI LOAN & INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hong Kong)

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shanghai Loan & Investment Co., Ltd. will be held in the Board Room, South China Morning Post Building, 1-3 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 14th day of July, 1949 at 11:45 A.M. for the purposes following, namely:—

1. To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 1948 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect a Director.
4. To elect Auditors.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books and registers of members of the Company will be closed from 4th July to 14th July, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN,  
General Agents.

Hong Kong, June 30, 1949.

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

##### ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

##### ACTION NO. 135 OF 1949

To the Defendant in the above action George Leys No. 17 Belfair Road (top floor), Kowloon Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong Kong

TAKE NOTICE that the above action has been commenced against you by THOMAS WAINWRIGHT WHEELER of Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, claiming the sum of \$2,200.00 being money paid by the Plaintiff to the Defendant.

And that it has been ordered that service of the writ of Summons in the above action on you be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the above action you must within eight days from the publication of this advertisement, exclusive of the day of such publication, enter an appearance at the Registry of Supreme Court, Victoria, Hong Kong. In default of such appearance judgment may be entered against you in the above action.

Dated the 22nd day of June, 1949.

C. A. SUTHERTON RUSS & STEWART,

Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

## Russian Spending On Armed Forces

Washington, June 20.

A secret analysis prepared here today indicates that almost 20 per cent of the entire national income of the Soviet during 1949 will go for military expenditures.

The Soviet "peace" propaganda has stated that Russian arms expenditures are less than one-third of America. The analysis brands these statements as falsehoods based on faked budget figures.

The current strength of the Soviet Armed Forces in placed at 4,000,000 men, that of the United States at 1,000,000. The armed forces cost the Soviet Union only \$1,800 per man per year against the figure of \$5,000 per man per year for the United States. The difference is accounted for largely by the higher standard of living for the individual American soldier and higher pay for United States industrial workers.

The Soviet national income for 1949 is placed at \$67,600,000,000. Of this total, \$13,100,000,000 are allocated to military expenditures of all types—or 19.2 per cent of the total.

The United States' estimated income for the year is \$224,000,000,000. The total of military expenditures is expected to be \$15,800,000,000 or 6.2 per cent of the total.

Soviet propagandists, charging the United with preparing for war, took advantage of the technicality that is exposed by the analysis. They said the United States allotted 65 per cent of its budget for military use while the Soviet Union allotted only 19 per cent of its total budget for armed forces.

However, the analysis said that 72 per cent of the Soviet national income passes through the consolidated USSR budget. Only 25 per cent of the United

## Van Xuan's Resignation Accepted

Paris, June 20.

Bao Dai, head of the new State of Vietnam, today accepted the resignation of the provisional Central Government of Vietnam tendered by the Premier, General Nguyen Van Xuan. Agence France Presse reported from Daiat, Indo-China.

The formation of a new Vietnam Cabinet is expected soon, the agency added.—Reuter.

## POST OFFICE

### MAIL NOTICE

#### Outward Mails

It is hereby notified that unregistered letters and postcards only for Shanghai and Tientsin can be accepted by surface route at senders' risk only.

Unless otherwise indicated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Closing Times by Air  
Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 7.10 a.m. 8 a.m.  
12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. 3.30 p.m. (GPO)  
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 1.30 p.m. 3 p.m.  
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.  
Airmail for Oklaawa and Japan, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.  
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Hallow, Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, Airmail for Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Amoy, Noon.  
Manila, Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 2 p.m.  
Swatow, 3 p.m.  
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.  
Japan and Korea only for Canada via Vancouver, B.C., 8 p.m.  
Hallow, Pakhoi via Hallow, Straits and Rangoon, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Closing Times by Air  
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.  
Airmail for Taipei and Pochow, Airmail for Kowloon, Chungking and Chengtu, Airmail for Hallow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Luchow and Kunming, Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, (Basra, Nairobi, Bombay, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi), Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m. GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.  
Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.  
Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.  
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Amoy, 5 p.m.  
Straits and Bombay, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Closing Times by Air  
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.  
Airmail for Port for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.  
Hallow, 3 p.m.  
Calcutta, 10 a.m.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| "CANTON"                                                               | 14th July       | 4th August     |
| "CARTHAGE"                                                             | 20th July       | 1st August     |
| "CORFU"                                                                | 27th July       | 8th August     |
| Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore. |                 |                |
| HOMWARDS                                                               | LEAVES HONGKONG | DUE LONDON     |
| "CANTON"                                                               | 8th July        | 8th August     |
| "CARTHAGE"                                                             | 15th July       | 15th August    |
| "CORFU"                                                                | 22nd July       | 22nd August    |
| "CANTON"                                                               | 29th July       | 29th August    |
| "CARTHAGE"                                                             | 5th August      | 5th September  |
| "CORFU"                                                                | 12th August     | 12th September |
| Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.              |                 |                |

#### FREIGHT SERVICE

| OUTWARDS                          | DUE HONGKONG    | FROM                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "BURAT"                           | 8th July        | London & Continent via Genoa & Straits.                                    |
| "ROMALI"                          | 2nd August      | —                                                                          |
| "TREVLYAN"                        | 20th September  | —                                                                          |
| All ships proceed to Japan Ports. |                 |                                                                            |
| HOMWARDS                          | LEAVES HONGKONG | FOR                                                                        |
| "BOUDAN"                          | 8th July        | Straits, Colombo, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Hamburg, Antwerp & Rotterdam. |
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|            |            |           |
|------------|------------|-----------|
| "TJIBADAK" | 22nd June  | 21st June |
| "TASSIAN"  | 11th July  | 7th July  |
| "TJIBADAK" | 23rd July  | 21st July |
| "TJIBADAK" | 7th August |           |

### MANILA

### SAILINGS ARRIVALS

|            |           |         |
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| "TJIBADAK" | 22nd June | In port |
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## SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

### SAILINGS ARRIVALS

|                 |            |           |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| "VAN RIEMSDIJK" | 29th June  | In port   |
| "VAN RIEMSDIJK" | 18th July  | 6th July  |
| "VAN RIEMSDIJK" | 1st August | 23rd July |

## EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

### SAILINGS ARRIVALS

|                  |           |             |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| "TEGELBERG"      | 27th June | 10th July   |
| "THKAMPEK"       | 18th July |             |
| "RUYEN"          | 10th Aug. |             |
| "TJIBODAS"       | 7th Sept. |             |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" | 6th Oct.  | 17th August |

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| "TEGELBERG" | 25th June |  |
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### SAILINGS ARRIVALS

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|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| "MEERKERK"       | 6th July  | Early July  |
| "AMSTELDIJK"     | End July  | Early Aug.  |
| "TJIBODAS"       | End Aug.  | Early Sept. |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" | End Sept. |             |

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to India,  
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### JAPAN

### SAILINGS ARRIVALS

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| "MEERKERK" | 5th July |  |
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| m.v. "BENGAL"       | 10th July |

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| "PHILIPPINE BEAR" | San Francisco | July 14 | July 23 | San Francisco & Los Angeles |
| "SUNRISE"         | San Francisco | Aug. 2  | Aug. 4  | San Francisco & Los Angeles |

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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## TALKS ON FORMATION OF NEW WORLD UNION

London, June 20.

British trade union officials are today completing plans for the international conference at Geneva this week-end to establish a new world trade union organisation. The new body will be in rivalry to the Communist-led World Federation of Trades Unions.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Interest in the Market is rather at a low ebb. In spite of this, quotations remain steady.

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| OYONNAX       | Europe                | 25th July   |
| CHAMPOLLION   | Marseilles            | 28th July   |
| SAILING TO    |                       |             |
| L. de LATOUR  | North Africa & Europe | 20th June   |
| OWENDO        | North Africa & Europe | 15th July   |
| OYONNAX       | Japan                 | 27th July   |
| CHAMPOLLION   | Shanghai              | 28th July   |
| CHAMPOLLION   | Marseilles            | 4th August  |
| OYONNAX       | North Africa & Europe | mid. August |

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| SAILINGS TO U.S. via PANAMA       |                                     |           |
| S.S. "STEEL EXECUTIVE"            | Sails for Saigon, Bangkok & Batavia | 24th June |
| S.S. "QUEEN'S VICTORY"            | Sails for Saigon, Bangkok & Batavia | 10th July |
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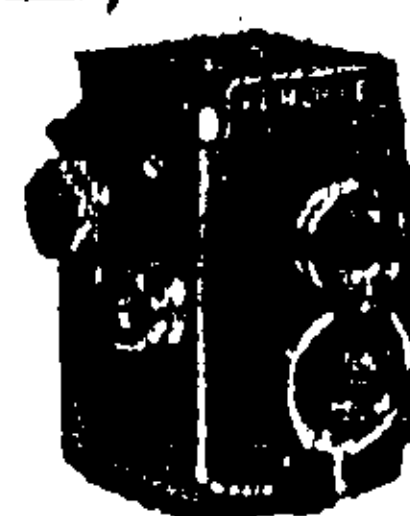
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### Schroeder's Great Win At Wimbledon

Wimbledon, June 20. Ted Schroeder, in pain from cramp in his right hand, today won a tremendous All-American five-set battle in the opening round of the Wimbledon tennis championship from his friend and doubles partner, Gardner Mulloy. He triumphed by 3-6, 9-11, 6-1, 6-0, 7-3.

All the other seeded players also got through the first round. Schroeder, top seed and favourite for the event, which can rank as the world's amateur championship, showed his worry as unseeded Mulloy, ranked eighth in the United States, jumped into a one-set lead and fought back with a strong passing shot after being 2-4 down in the second set. The Miami lawyer reeled off three games, but he was unable to clinch the set before the 20th game.

The Californian was in his stride in the third set and squandered the match at two sets all. The game challenger came from behind to level things at three all in the deciding set, but could not get his nose in front. The end of the encounter, labelled the "first round final" by many, came as an anti-climax.

After his exertions, Schroeder should now have an easy passage as far as the fourth round.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN ZONE DAVIS CUP PLAY

New York, June 20. The final match in the American Zone Davis Cup tennis tournament will be played on the grass courts of the Wilmington Delaware country club on July 20, 30 and 31.

Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico are the four challenging nations in the American zone. Australia will meet Canada at Montreal on July 23, 24 and 25. Mexico and Cuba will play at Havana on July 2, 3, and 4. The winners will meet on the Wilmington country club courts and the survivor will then meet the European zone winner for the right to challenge the defending champion, the United States, at Forest Hills, N.Y., on August 26, 27 and 28.—United Press.

## British-U.S. Universities Track Meet

Cambridge, Mass., June 20. Roger Bannister of Oxford set a new meet record of 4:11.9 for the one mile run in the 15th annual Oxford-Cambridge vs Harvard-Yale track meet today. George Wade and Anson Gardner, both of Yale, were second and third. Bannister broke a 16-year-old record set by New Zealand's Jack Lovelock at 4:12.6. His time was 8-10ths of a second slower than his winning time at Princeton nine days ago. The fastest mile run in the United States this year was 4:9.6 by Don Gehrman of Wisconsin last Thursday.

Bannister took the lead from Ronald Williams of Cambridge half way through the third lap, and drew steadily ahead to win by 25 yards. Another new meet record was set by Christopher Brasher of Cambridge, at 9:5.5 for the two-mile run, with Philip Morgan of Oxford second and Ed McNair of Yale third. Brasher took almost six seconds off the old record, set in 1932 by C.J. Mabey of Oxford.—United Press.

### IRC GREENS

Indian Recreation Club Lawn Bowls greens are open daily except Fridays for practice games in view of the Open Championships. The official practice days are Tuesday and Thursday.

London, June 21.

The weather was again glorious at the Oval today for the last day's play in the Surrey versus New Zealand match and by lunch time, the county had brought their overnight score of 334 for five to 500 for six wickets.

On a good wicket, Surrey continued their bid to secure a first innings lead, having started the day 131 runs behind the New Zealanders score of 465, with half their wickets standing.

Surrey completely dominated the New Zealand attack and in the two hours before lunch easily passed the opposition's total and reached 500 for the loss of only one more wicket by the interval.

Parker played himself in carefully but then began to hit out and he was still unbeaten at lunchtime with 100 to his credit.

He lost McIntyre at 377 but then with Eric Bedser had an unbroken stand which has so far put on 123 runs, Bedser being not out for 52.

Score:

New Zealand, 1st Innings 405

Surrey 1st Innings 41

Fletcher, c and b Rabone 41

Squires, c and b Rabone 28

Whitaker, lbw b Rabone 21

Barton, c and b Donnelly 54

Parker, not out 130

McIntyre, c Hadlee, b Rabone 16

E. Bedser, not out 62

Extras 24

Total (for 5) 500

—Reuter.

## Jap Davis Cup Participation Opposed

Melbourne, June 20. Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said today that Japan must be allowed to take part in the Davis Cup tennis tournament in Australia. He said that the Australian public would not like to see Japan competing against Australians, especially in Australia.

The Association had asked Mr. Chifley's advice about a request by Japan to be readmitted to the Davis Cup competition. It decided last night to instruct its representative in London to oppose Japan's re-admission.—Reuter.

## N & D ASSOCIATION

The following will represent the Northumberland and Durham Association in a friendly bowls match against the Hong Kong Cricket Club, at Chater Road at 5.15 p.m. today:

G. Sevall, T. Waller, W. Cowie, E. Fraser (skip).

E. Cato, R. Leigh, A.E. Elliot, R. Bailey (skip).

W. Chambers, A. Weir, A.A. Dand, J.W. Finlay (skip).

T. Thibbs, J.O. Stokoe, V. Ramsay, J. Hempsy (skip).

## Says Council Had Right To Dismiss H.K. Lee

If Mr. H. K. Lee is dissatisfied with the action of the Council of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation in dismissing him as representative of the Federation, he may request the Chairman to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Federation.

This comment was made at a press conference yesterday by Mr. Mok Hing, of the South China Athletic Association and member of the delegation appointed by the Federation to discuss proposed amendments to the Rules of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The press conference was called as a result of certain comments appearing in the Chinese Press on the subject of Mr. Lee's dismissal. Mr. Mok said that he would welcome an opportunity of putting certain questions to Mr. Lee. Replying to statements by certain quarters that Mr. Lee was appointed by the Federation at the annual general meeting and could not therefore be dismissed, Mr. Mok said that it was quite clear from the Minutes produced that Mr. Lee was appointed as representative of the Federation by the Council. Mr. Lee was, under the circumstances, answerable to the Council, which was fully within its rights in dismissing him from his appointment as representative of the Federation.

Dealing with the proposal to delete the Federation from the Rules of the HKFA, Mr. Mok said that Mr. Lee, as representative of the Federation, should have objected to the proposal. Mr. Lee's signature to the Minute recording the proposal was, said Mr. Mok, conclusive evidence of the fact that he approved of such proposal.

Referring to rumours that certain individuals were attempting to stir up discord between the HKFA and the Federation to bring about a wholesale withdrawal of Chinese Clubs from the HKFA, Mr. Mok said that there was absolutely no truth in these rumours.

There had apparently been a misunderstanding, he added, regarding the attitude of Chinese Clubs, which had indicated their support of the Federation in its fight against the proposed amendments to the Rules of the HKFA. Mr. Mok said that he was quite optimistic about the prospects of an amicable outcome of the discussions between the Federation and the HKFA.

Protest Withdrawn. Mr. Mok said that the protest lodged by his Club with the HKFA regarding the passing of a resolution at the extraordinary general meeting of the HKFA, which had been withdrawn, not because there were other more pressing problems.

He said that at the extraordinary general meeting, Mr. Wong Ka-ison had said that there was a certain provision in the Rules of the Association which provided that a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution had been carried was final and conclusive evidence without proof. Mr. Mok said that Mr. Wong Ka-ison had apparently overlooked the second part of Rule 53, which read:

"A declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a

## GLAMORGAN GAIN EASY VICTORY OVER KENT

London, June 20.

Runs were again plentiful when the County cricket programme was resumed today, but the Gloucestershire and Glamorgan bowlers were effective enough for their sides to register two-day wins.

A ten wickets' victory over Kent at Swansea gave the County champions their third win of the season from 10 games and brought their points to 52, while Gloucestershire registered their fourth win from nine games to give them 48 points in beating Derbyshire by an innings and one run.

Kent's collapse on the opening day of their match with Glamorgan took its full toll today in spite of a much better batting display in their second innings. The champions wanted only 18 runs behind with three of their best batsmen out in their second innings.

Close of play scores:

At Lord's: Middlesex 316; Yorkshire 322 for 8 (Hutton 113, Lester 75).

At Bath: Somerset 152 and 211 for 8; Essex 307 (Vigar 119, Bailey 85, Buse 5 for 88).

At Hove: Hampshire 272 and 21 for 2; Sussex 314 for 7 declared (C. Oakes 90).

At Swansea: Glamorgan beat Kent by 10 wickets. Kent 49 and 287 (Ames 69); Glamorgan 319 and 19 for no wicket.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Derbyshire by an innings and one run. Derbyshire 177 and 142 (Goddard 93, Rhodes 7 for 114).

At Birmingham: Oxford University 185 and 187 (Hollies 7 for 60); Warwickshire 262 (Gardner 97, Dollery 55, Karder 7 for 73) and 49 for 2.

At Worcester: Cambridge University 391 for 7 declared and 52 for no wicket; Worcestershire 283 (Kenyon 84).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 350 (Poole, 53, Pollard 6 for 82); Lancashire 270 for 3 (Place 156 not out, G. Edrich 67).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 239 and 330 for 5; Leicestershire 264.—Reuter.

## British Ship Bombed

(Continued from Page 1)

The paper assured its readers that the "People's Government" will find a just retribution to this criminal act hostile to the Chinese people.

Announcement Of Blockade

The Chinese Government spokesman announced officially in Canton yesterday that the China coast North of the Min River (Fuchow) to the Liao River in Manchuria is to be closed to all foreign shipping, reports Reuter.

He said, "The Chinese Government has notified that as from zero hour on June 26 all foreign shipping found acting against the aforementioned decision would be intercepted and those found disregarding the order after such time will be acting at their own risk and the responsibility will be borne by the ships involved."

"Open" ports which are not under actual Government control will be declared closed during the present emergency period."

Ports closed to foreign shipping will include Wanchow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Tientsin and Chingwangtao.

The spokesman said that aviation corporations of all nationalities which maintain services in such localities should hereafter discontinue them. Any damage, including that caused by Government military action, as a result of their disregard of the Government order would be the responsibility of the corporations concerned, he said.

He added that all Governments concerned have been notified. The representative in Canton of the British Embassy received the Chinese Government's official notification of its intention to close coastal areas of China to foreign shipping.

The Embassy's representative referred his matter immediately to London. Until a reply is received official comment is being withheld, but it is likely that they will do what they can to settle the issue by negotiations.

## TRIBAL WARS IN SOMALILAND

Rome, June 20. British troops have been sent to reinforce the local police in Central Somaliland after the death of 12 people in recent tribal wars, the Mogadishu correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" reported today.—Reuter.

## GASPERI HEADS PARTY

Rome, June 20. The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, was re-elected President of the Christian Democratic Party by the party's National Council here today. The vote was by acclamation.—Reuter.

## Turpin Beats Finch, Retains Titles

Birmingham, June 20.

Dick Turpin, coloured holder from Leamington, tonight retained his British and Empire middleweight boxing titles when he beat Albert Finch, of Croydon, London, on points over 15 rounds here.

The decision in Turpin's favour was hotly disputed by the crowd of 30,000 and there were loud boos which continued as Turpin had the Lonsdale Belt placed around his waist and was photographed with his small son.

Finch was so confident that he had won that he ran to the referee with his arms raised fully expecting to be the new champion, but the referee walked to Turpin's corner.

The crowd certainly thought that Finch had done enough in the later rounds to wipe out Turpin's earlier ascendancy, and when it was announced that the champion would defend his Empire title against Dave Dands, the Australian, at Olympia on July 5, booing again broke out.

The referee, Mr. Ben Greene of Leeds, must have thought that Turpin's superiority in the first five rounds and again, in spurs, in the eighth and 11th round, was sufficient to earn him the decision.

For five rounds the coloured boxer was superb. He made Finch look the poorest of novices and he jolted his head back with a series of lefts in almost monotonous fashion.

The champion seemed to be content to rest on his laurels after five rounds, by which time he had built up a very substantial points margin, but Finch, battling away grimly with little variation of style and with blood pouring from his nose, turned the tables effectively in the sixth and seventh rounds.

Attacking Role. Finch took advantage of the champion's lethargy and gradually found a way inside that slugging left lead.

He carried the fight to Turpin for the better part of the latter half of the contest and it will be long debated whether, in fact, he had done enough to nullify the champion's obvious mastery in the early rounds.

## Open Lawn Bowls Pairs Results

Several matches in the Colony Open Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship were played off yesterday and some good bowling was seen.

A minor upset was caused at the Craigengower Cricket Club when C. Pope and W. Cameron of the Police Recreation Club beat G.E.F. Thompson and P. Goodwin in an exciting finish 17-14. The holders of the title, W. Hong Sling and A.M. Omar, beat R.M.V. Ribeiro and C.M. Silva at the Hong Kong Football Club by 31-12.

The following are the results—

### Open Pairs

AT CCC

W. Cameron and C. Pope (skip) beat G.E.F. Thompson and P. Goodwin (skip) 17-14.

AT HKFC

W. Hong Sling and A.M. Omar (skip) beat R.M.V. Ribeiro and C.M. Silva (skip) 31-12.

A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury (skip) beat A.H. Abbas and M.L. Razaek (skip) 29-10.

W.G. MacKie and J. Kinniburgh (skip) beat D.M.A. Razaek and A.R.A. Rahman (skip) 24-16.

K.M. Ramdani and S.M. Rumay (skip) beat C.E. Maymes and J.C. Remedios (skip) 18-14.

AT CRECIE

W. Gaffney and A.E. Elliott (skip) beat B.R. Rosset and C.R. Rosset (skip) 22-18.

AT KGC

W. Baker and T.E. Baker (skip) beat G. Hong and C. Chy and A.H. Ramdani 29-20.

D. Phillips and R.A. Edwards (skip) beat E.M. Alarcoun and A.A. Lopes (skip) 27-13.

AT KCC

G.A. Noronha and C.P. Baso beat S. Strange and J. McKeilvie (skip) 25-22.

A.P. Ferreira and S.H. Marvin (skip) beat I. Castilho and C.F. Lee (skip) 29-22.

L.J. Silva and J.F.V. Ribeiro (skip) beat A.W. Hirocock and J. McCutcheon (skip) 20-19.

Open Singles

C.S. Rosset beat A.J. Huesain in the preliminary round of the Colony's Open Singles by 21-17.

Today's Matches

AT KCC

P. Hughes and W. McCall v K.M. Omar and U.M. Omar

G. Cates and J.E. Noronha v C. Gatt and H.B.L. Dowbiggin

A. Hutton and J.H. Hensley v D. Phillips and R.A. Edwards

AT C. de R.

F.E. Skinner and W. Butlerworth v F. Rodrigues and J. Delgado

AT CCC

J. Kitchell and A.M. Wahab v J.A.R. Selby and B.L. Blackford

P. Mackenzie and J. Rodman v J. Davies and J.S. Joyce

AT HKFC

J.E. Hayward and C.H. Gough v J.W. Lee and J.W. Leonard

J. Bradley and J.H. Landolt v M.F. Pinna and P.K. da Silva

LADIES' GOLF MATCH

The women members of the Shek O Club have invited the women members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club to a return match at their Club tomorrow.

The match, played at Deep Water Bay between the two Clubs on May 28, resulted in a win for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club team with 8 3/4 points against 5 1/4 for Shek-O.

Play-off for the tomorrow's match:

Shek-O RHKGC

Mrs. Sinclair v Mrs. Piercy

Mrs. Elliot v Mrs. Shawan

Mrs. Strickland v Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Latimer v Mrs. A. MacKie

Mrs. Frederick v Mrs. Coombs

Mrs. Macintosh v Mrs. Markham

Mrs. Standoloff v Mrs. Grieve

Mrs. Waller v Mrs. Turnbull

Mrs. Prophet v Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Fox v Mrs. Penn

Mrs. Hudson v Mrs. Sainsbury

Mrs. Mason v Mrs. Slokes

Mrs. Robertson v Mrs. Robb

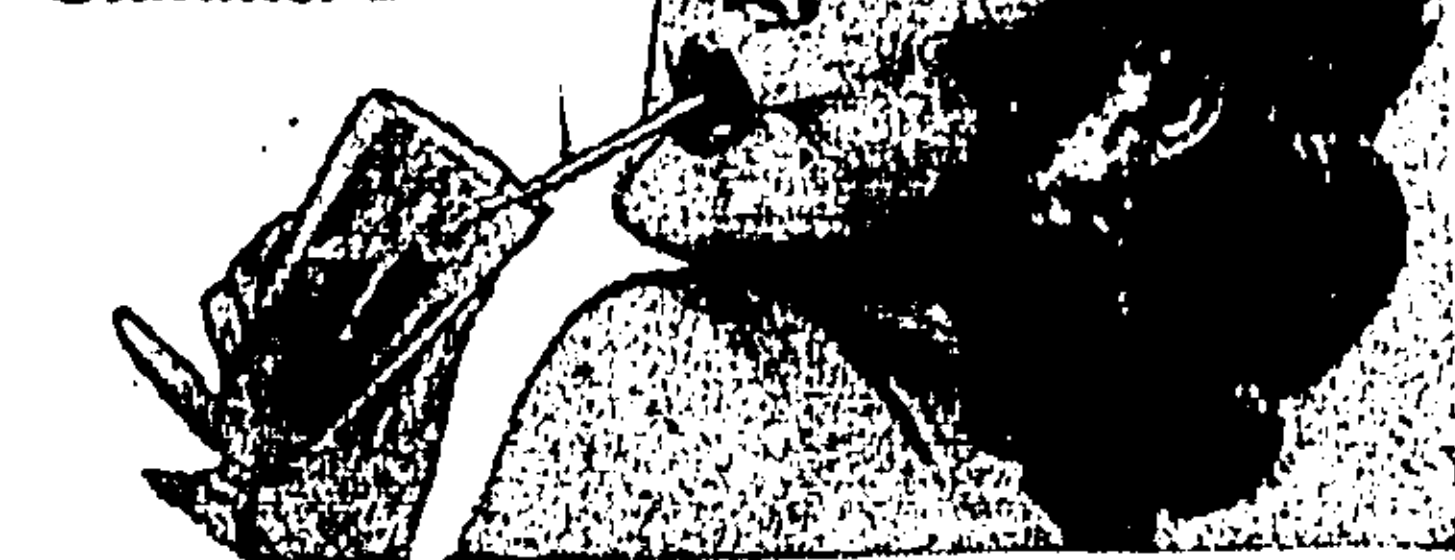
an on-drive he was leg drive for 91. He made one great drive through the Secretary's window in the pavilion and hit 15 fours in the match.

Parker found another strong partner in the Surrey captain. They added 100 in 75 minutes before Barton gave a return catch to Donnelly.

Parker went on to reach his century and at the close was unbeaten with 100 when Parker was hit behind with a wicket.

## A Pre-war Treat

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## LRC, CCC Maintain Unbeaten Records

Both Ladies' Recreation Club and Craigengower Ladies maintained their unbeaten records in the Ladies' "B" Division Tennis League defeating United Services Recreation Club and Chinese Recreation Club respectively.

LRC had a fairly easy passage, but CCC were given their hardest match so far by the Chinese ladies who were actually leading by three sets to one at one stage, and managed to race home with the bare margin of one set.

Mrs. S. Chiu and Mrs. V. Fowler of Craigengower, who have not lost a single set in the League so far, were again in the limelight, winning all their three sets and conceding a total of only four games. Mrs. Fowler was particularly devastating with her fast and accurate forehand drives.

Mrs. T. Souza played a real captain's game when with R. Humphreys, she secured the winning set for her team edging out CRO's first pair by 6-4.

In the Men's "B" Division games, favourites had a field day. South China Athletic Association went ahead with an easy win of nine sets to nil against R.A.F., while CRO "A" now force ahead of IRO into second place.

USRC came near the verge of breaking their "duck" in their match against KCO and were unfortunately to fall behind just by five sets to four.

### RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S TENNIS LEAGUE GAMES

MEN'S "B" DIVISION

Recre 3-Kowloon Tong "Blue" 7

SCAA 9-RAF 0

KCO 5-USRC 4

Kowloon T. "Blue" 3

IRC 21-Kowloon Tong "White" 4

KCO 1-Recre 3

IRC 1-USRC 1

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